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# A midsummer night's ... party!











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Residents fill Hillview Park in Los Altos July 17 to watch the local cover band, The Cheeseballs, perform. The free concert was part of a 2025 summer concert series, at both Hillview and Grant parks, hosted by the Los Altos Parks and Recreation Department. The summer concert series concludes with a concert by Fleetwood Macrame, 6:30 p.m. Thursday (July 31) at Hillview Park, 97 Hillview Ave.

# Plans progressing for police substation at Loyola Corners

By Christina Casillas Staff Writer/christinac@latc.com

cross from Tom's Depot Cafe in Loyola Corners sits 999 Fremont Avenue: While the building may seem unassuming, the Los Altos Police Department is working on getting the location into shape to become a long-awaited south Los Altos police substation

The space was described as a "postage stamp lot" during its acquisition by the Los Altos City Council for \$2.8 million in January 2020 from thenproperty owner Gregg Bunker. Plans for the space had drawn out as the pandemic came and waned.

Establishing the Loyola Corners substation entered council's orbit approximately three years ago, said Steven Son, Los Altos capital improvement manager.

Plans about what would be housed at the substation also became more clear after current Police Chief Saskia Lagergren joined the department nearly a year ago.

The building, located at the corner of Fremont Avenue and A Street, had housed multiple failing businesses since the 1970s.

Former Councilmember Art Carmicheal reached out to the city manager shortly after his 1976 election to Los Altos City Council about acquiring the location for possible installation of a roundabout – but the city offered less than half what Bunker offered.

During a February Rotary Club of Los Altos meeting,

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### **Online Poll of the Week**



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## **Around Town**

### A fresh start for Permanente Creek



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July 22 marked the official kickoff of the Permanente Creek Restoration Project, an effort to revitalize 9,000 feet of the waterway to create a healthier watershed, a safer creek corridor and improve the riparian habitat for fish. Santa Clara County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga, center, cuts the ribbon. "After years of preparation, work has begun on the multi-year restoration of Permanente Creek in Cupertino's western foothills, marking a significant step toward cleaning up the mining waste that has polluted the creek at the Permanente Quarry property," said Abe-Koga, supervisor for District 5. "I support Heidelberg Materials' commitment to complete the cleanup in the next five to six years." Local residents are invited to attend a Lehigh/Heidelberg Cement Plant and Quarry Town Hall, happening 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday (July 31), at the Quinlan Community Center in Cupertino. To RSVP or for more information, visit tinyurl.com/LehighQuarryTownHall.

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# News

#### **Cyclist needs help** after bike stolen

13-year-old Los Altos resident Aiden Nam is devastated and asking for the public's help after a thief stole his \$10,000 bike out of his parents' garage while everyone was home last week.

Aiden's 10-year-old sister Abby and their family dog left their home at approximately 9:50 a.m. July 23, in the 600 block of Stardust Lane through the garage door, Aiden's mom Kamila said in a phone call.

During that walk, Abby encountered a man on a bicycle, who meowed at her and made her feel uneasy. She returned home shortly before the man on the bike ended up in their neighborhood.

Around 10 a.m., the man, according to surveillance footage, spotted Aiden's bike parked in the garage. He returned five minutes later, left the bike he was riding, and took off on Aiden's. It wasn't until noon that Aiden noticed that the bike was stolen.

#### Smash-n-grab in **Safeway parking lot**

Suspects July 25 smashed into the driver's-side window of a parked car in the First Street Safeway parking lot, taking items valued at least \$1,500, according to Los Altos Police.

According to Sgt. Steven Spillman, the suspects' car pulled alongside the targeted car, at approximately 7:52 p.m. Spillman said they waited until just after the victim entered the store. One suspect got out, smashed the window and grabbed a purse from under the driver's seat. Police said the door was unlocked.

'We do have a suspect vehicle description, and we do have a suspect description, the one who smashed the window," Spillman said. "He was wearing a medical style or COVID-style face mask, so you couldn't see the details of his face."

Witnesses in both incidents are urged to contact police.

- Town Crier Staff Reports

# Police Blotter LAH makes headway on public safety, infrastructure

By Curtis Driscoll Staff Writer/curtisd@latc.com

os Altos Hills has made progress on priority work goals around burglaries, infrastructure improvements and increasing fiber installation for internet use in the area, although budget and staff constraints may affect plans moving forward.

At a July 21 Los Altos Hills City Council meeting, city staff presented its mid-year status update on its yearly work plan that lays out the town's strategic priorities like public safety, governance, infrastructure and quality of life. Topics are decided by the council and put into action by city staff. The work plan has 84 projects, of which 23 are completed and 49 are in progress.

The Matadero Creek Restoration and Bank Stabilization Project, aimed at stabilizing Page Mill Road, is expected to be finished at the end of the year, Los Altos Hills City Manager Peter Pirnejad said at the meeting. Storms in 2010 caused erosion along the creek and threatened the stability of Page Mill Road, leading to work on erosion and flooding protection near the creek. The project underwent multiple rounds of reengineering, a 10-year mitigation plan and offsite mitigation before reaching the current stage.

"This has seriously taken years and years of work, and to say that we are now coming to the end of that project is a huge kudos to staff for delivering the project," Pirnejad said.

#### **Burglaries**

Los Altos Hills reported only one residential burglary in June and is on track to experience fewer burglaries than last year. The town has had eight residential burglaries since the beginning of 2025 as of June, lower than the 13 through the first six months of 2024, according to a Los Altos Hills public safety report on crimes. Los Altos Hills had a total of 20 burglaries in 2024, a sharp decrease from the 60 in 2023. The decline over the last two years has been attributed to several factors, including private security in Los Altos Hills, Automated License Plate Recognition cameras and an analyst for the Sheriff's Office who tracks burglary data. Following the pandemic, Los Altos Hills experienced a sharp increase in residential burglaries, going from the low teens and 20s before the pandemic to 51 burglaries in 2022 and 60 burglaries in 2023.

"In the end, I am happy to report that the number has come down drastically," Pirnejad said. "That is an accomplishment the council can be proud of, the community can be proud of and we are pleased to see how we are progressing."

#### **Fiber**

Los Altos Hills Community Fiber is also working with the town to install conduits from curbside installation to town



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

The presence of private security, above, is deterring would-be burglars, according to Los Altos Hills residents.

infrastructure to improve the town's internet and power infrastructure. Los Altos Hills Community Fiber has a contract with the town that will be revisited at the end of the year.

"The goal from the council was to expand the reach of fiber to the community, and that goal has been achieved and continues to be achieved." Pirnejad said.

#### **City operations**

As the sheer number of city council projects and goals has gone up compared to previous years, so have certain costs, like the amount Los Altos Hills has spent on contract and professional services. The 2024-2025 fiscal year costs are anticipated to be slightly more than \$12 million, with staff noting the increase was due to more overall projects and the need for expertise to handle certain projects. City staffing saw a slight increase, growing to 30 fulltime staffers, with staff numbers previously at 27 or 28 over the last four years. The number of meetings each year has also gone up, increasing staff time and hours. The operating budget surplus has also gone down to approximately \$327,000 in the 2025-2026 budget.

"The candle is definitely being burned at a rapid rate," Pirnejad said.

Los Altos Hills Mayor Kavita Tankha and Vice Mayor Rajiv Bhateja also suggested a town hall for residents to provide feedback on planning and building process issues so city staff could hear from people about what could be improved.

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Lagergren said there would be spaces for officers to fill out paperwork, heat up food and rest after a long shift while staying close to their dispatch areas.

"We have people that commute from Santa Rosa, San Juan Bautista, Mountain House – I mean, people are coming from very, very far because they can't afford to live anywhere in this neighborhood, or in this area, even," she said during the Feb. 27 meeting. "And the officers and the dispatchers are working 12-hour shifts. So you think about it, you have that long commute on the front end and the back end, and you're working 12 hours.

"If you have a big case that's more involved, or you have more report writing, you're staying even longer."

While the city's building department has approved the plans for the station, Son said the city still needs approval from the Santa Clara County Fire Department before bids for construction can begin because there will be people sleeping in the space.

During construction, they will also need to install fire-rated walls, he said.

"If the building's on fire, it'll take a moment for the fire to confirm through the wall, so it gives ample amount of time for the occupant of the building to escape," he

While the bunks will be a major addition to the police department - there are a few at the main station, but space is limited, Son said – it will also have office spaces for filling out reports and paperwork or heating up a quick bite to eat in the kitch-

Son also said the building will have a space where officers can meet with members of the public and hold meetings.

Son could not provide an estimate of when the substation will be up and running for officers, but he said city officials hope to be accepting bids in September.

If the contractor costs the city more than \$100,000, staff would have to prepare a report and present the bid for council approval.

"If it is below \$100,000 then we will probably have the city manager execute the contract," Son said.

## **News**

# Midpen says agreement reached for family's departure from Rhus Ridge

Town Crier Report

idpen (Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District) and a longtime residential tenant in Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve have come to a mutual agreement to part ways.

The tenant was to remove their personal property from the site at the Rhus Ridge trailhead in Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve by June 13. The Los Altos-based public agency plans to restore the trailhead site to a natural condition.

"The need for a caretaker's residence at the Rhus Ridge Trailhead has come to a natural end," district officials said in a statement last month. "Midpen is grateful to Susan Cretekos and now-late Raye Girouard for providing many years of valuable caretaking services at Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve in exchange for living there rent-free in their mobile home

"This is a natural time to part ways because the tenant is no longer able to provide caretaking and is no longer living onsite, and Midpen now has a robust ranger and maintenance staff presence in Rancho San Antonio Preserve."

#### **Background**

Midpen purchased a 19-acre property in 1987 from a daughter of the Duveneck family and added it as public land to Rancho San Antonio Preserve. At the time of the purchase, Raye Girouard and Susan Cretekos were living on the property in their mobile home by permission of the Duvenecks.

The purchase agreement did not require Midpen to allow anyone to remain on the property; however, an agreement was made with Raye Girouard and Susan Cretekos to continue their tenancy rent-free on a month-to-month basis in exchange for ongoing caretaking duties.

That agreement became a relationship that was periodically renewed for temporary duration, Midpen officials said. To date, the tenant caretaker agreements have only been with Susan Cretekos and Raye Girouard.



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOT

The Girouard family, from left, Raylen, Jeremiah and Susan Cretekos, celebrate the legacy of family patriarch Raye Girouard. The family has reached an agreement with Midpen to leave the caretaker home at the foot of the Rhus Ridge Trail.

Cretekos' son, Jeremiah Girouard, had been vocal earlier this year about retaining his, his son's and his mother's right to continue living at Rhus Ridge. Public outcry ensued, with supporters attending board meetings to urge that the family remain. Midpen officials said the adult Girouard children are not on the agreements.

The Town Crier reached out to Jeremiah Giroaurd for comment, but did not get a response.

Raye Girouard, who passed away in 2018, provided the primary caretaking duties. In 2019, Midpen approached Susan Cretekos with a request to transfer the tenant caretaker arrangement into a reasonable lease agreement and communicated that Midpen intended to eventually phase out this use of the Rhus Ridge Trailhead over time.

Since 1987, Midpen has established a ranger presence at Rancho San Antonio Preserve that provides first responder services, monitors the Rhus Ridge Trailhead and public parking facilities, and together with the maintenance staff, ensures the trail and parking areas are well-maintained. Ranger staff live in the preserve for onsite presence and third-party caretaker services are no longer necessary, according to Midpen.

Cretekos is currently no longer living onsite. The mobile

home is owned by the tenant who is responsible for its maintenance and is able to perform repairs any time.

# Finding a mutual agreement

To help ease this transition for the tenant, who is Cretekos, Midpen said they have been working in good faith beginning in 2019 to reach a mutual agreement through communication with her legal representative.

Midpen and the tenant have reached a mutual agreement and are currently working together to move forward without needing to pursue legal action.

Midpen must responsibly manage the public lands in its care, including maintaining fair and appropriate leases with tenants, Midpen said in the statement. The concept of a temporary site lease being inheritable and allowing individuals to live on public land at no cost where services are no longer necessary, is not an appropriate use of public resources, they added.

Tenant leases and legal disputes are not negotiated in Midpen's board of directors' agendized public meetings. It is, however, the policy of Midpen's board to approve any lease agreement exceeding one year in duration as an agendized item at a public meeting.

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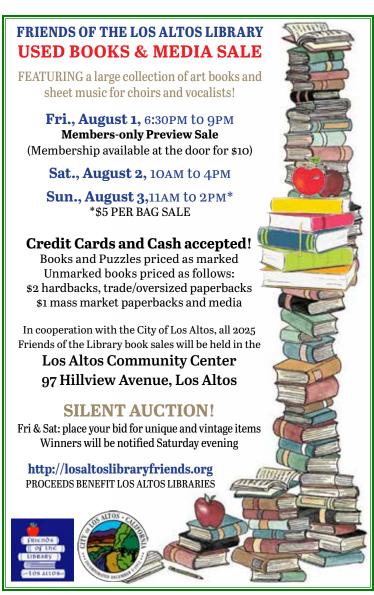
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# Local children go geocaching at Los Trancos Open Space Preserve



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Children from the Boys and Girls Club of the Coastside in Los Trancos Open Space Preserve geocaching July 10.

Town Crier Report

he Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District hosted a geocaching adventure for children from the Boys and Girls Club of the Coastside July 10 at Los Trancos Open Space Preserve.

Children had the opportunity to explore nature through geocaching, an outdoor recreational activity where participants use a GPS device or mobile app to hide and seek containers, known as geocaches, at specific locations around the world.

The activity gained popularity in 2021 and 2022 during the pandemic, as people sought ways to be outside and explore while practicing social distancing, with the Bay Area home to thousands of hidden geocaches.

The combination of using technology to explore nature was requested by the Boys and Girls Club as a way to get kids outdoors and excited about exploring their environment while building community connections and building a love of nature.

Midpen's docent naturalist volunteers led the adventure. The 274-acre Los Trancos Open Space Preserve is located in the Santa Cruz Mountains and is split by the San Andreas Fault.

For more information about Midpen, visit openspace.org.





## **News**

# Resident thinks his parking ticket warrants commercial appeal

**By Bruce Barton** 

Staff Writer/bruceb@latc.com

Back in June, longtime Los Altos resident Jim Jolly moved his vehicle off his Panchita Drive driveway to allow for the delivery of a new dryer.

He parked on the street in front of his house, figuring he would move the vehicle back when the delivery was done.

"I wasn't parked 10 minutes when I was ticketed," said Jolly, 83, and a resident of Los Altos for more than 40 years.

Jolly expressed surprise, as had others, when the city erected signs during the last holiday season that banned residential parking 8 a.m. to noon, when class is in session. The restrictions were in response to student parking from nearby Los Altos High School. The city allowed an exemption for "commercial uses," such as the construction trucks assembling for home rebuilds. Right now, three homes near Jolly's are all under construction.

He thinks he has a good case for an appeal of his \$51 ticket.

"This is a commercial transaction," Jolly said. "I'm the buyer. I bought it.



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOT

A sign in the Los Altos High School neighborhood says no parking between 8 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday, but adds: Commercial vehicles exempt.

They delivered it. I received it. They couldn't have completed the commercial contract to deliver the thing unless I had moved my car out of my garage."

He added: "This is commerce because the sign absolutely says commercial vehicles exempt. How do you change a personal automobile into a commercial vehicle for 15 minutes?"

Jolly noticed others on his street that looked like personal vehicles being used for commercial purposes.

"Sure, the signs have been up, but I never park on the street," he said. "I always park in my garage or the driveway, so I just completely forgot about the (blank) signs. In that 10 or 15 minute period, somebody went by and said, that doesn't look like a worker's car. The workers came in all different kinds of vehicles – they all had their personal cars."

The appeals process, from his point of view, is a mess. He went to an appeal appointment only to be told by city employees that they were unaware of his appointment. He had to reschedule for another one for next month.

"I mean, it's \$51, which is chump change," Jolly said. "It's a principle of things. Give a guy a break. Bend the rules a little bit. Because, if you stretch your imagination a little bit, I was partial to a commercial exchange, and therefore my vehicle should have been exempted."

It may be a challenge for Jolly to successfully get his point across.

"If he was parked illegally, the ticket will be upheld," said Los Altos City Manager Gabriel Engeland. "If he can show he was parked legally, the ticket will be dropped."

There are three levels to a parking violation appeal. The first is an initial review, which doesn't cost the appellant. The citation can be appealed within 21 calendar days of its issuance. The second appeal is an administrative hearing, to be submitted within 21 days after resolution of the first appeal; and the third is a civil appeal. In both latter instances, the full amount of the citation is due prior to filing the appeals. If the appellant wins, the fine is refunded.

Jolly's challenge comes as the city prepares to bring on a new parking enforcement vendor. The city council in April unanimously approved a three-year, \$652,000 proposal from ACE Parking of San Diego. ACE should be assuming parking enforcement duties "any day now," said Police Chief Saskia Logergren.

"The appeals process is not changing and will remain the same," Logergren said. "Best advice to avoid getting a ticket is to legally park!"



# Comment

### Letters to the Editor

#### **Full-lane occupancy is** state law

When I wrote just two weeks ago about the two critical state bicycle rules (three feet separation rule; full lane occupancy rule), I fully expected responses like last week by Azmat Malik's "It is unfair for cars to go 3 mph behind bikes" and "Perhaps bikes can be guided towards Main and State streets, or Edith Avenue."

First, full-lane occupancy is a state law. It is not up to individuals to determine what is "unfair" or fair. Every driver must follow the law at all times.

Second, we are all encouraging the drivers to get out of their cars and ride bikes. Those new bikers must have the same freedom as car drivers to choose and pick the streets they like to bike on. Otherwise, those drivers would never become a biker.

I repeat my point from two weeks ago that the two critical state bicycle laws should be displayed and emphasized along ALL bicycle-busy downtown streets, not just Edith.

Feraydoon Jamzadeh Los Altos

#### Leave the dogs and reptiles at home

We have been volunteers for the Los Altos Arts and Wine Festival for over 25 years. We are

long-time residents and want to help make our city a vital interesting place where people come to shop, dine and enjoy our activities.

I was totally surprised to read in the Town Crier that some unwelcome guests attended our successful event last weekend. They were not invited and actually "crashed the party."

Since when were snakes along with other pets tolerated at this festival? This is not the Pet Parade or a reptile exhibit or a dog park. Where were the LAVA people in the bright yellow jackets that were supposed to be overseeing the event and making certain the rules were followed?

A few years ago, when we were volunteering, I witnessed two uninvited dogs growl and then start a fight with each other. Some young children in strollers nearby were terrified and had to be removed by their parents. Who was invited, the animals or the children? Why are some people unable to consider others and selfishly impose their animals on others? If you cannot bear to be parted from your pet, then do not attend an event where your pet is not welcome. Had I known a snake was around I would have stayed away.

> Mvra Orta Los Altos

# **Peek** into the past

Did you ever wonder who lived above today's Post restaurant in the early days? Jack and Charlotte Gregory, half-owners of the building, and their young son lived upstairs for 12 years ca. 1925-1937. They ran the various businesses in the building including a theater where Charlotte accompanied the silent movies on the

COURTESY OF THE LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM



### More single-family threats from housing legislation

By Ann Duwe

B 79 is among more than 200 housing bills aimed at remaking California in the image of Manhattan. Grossly mislabeled as the "Abundant & Affordable Homes Near Transit Act," the bill increases housing density near dedicated bus, train and ferry stops by reaching deep into the neighborhoods around those stops and permitting, by right, five- to seven-story rental apartment buildings. The bill does little to make this new housing affordable and wreaks havoc with the planning effort made by cities with compliant Housing Elements. The bill says nothing about its displacement of established residents and businesses.

To get an idea of how damaging SB79 could be, think of El Camino as it runs between Palo Alto and San Jose. Now draw a circle with a half mile radius around a bus or train stop near you. The circle you draw takes in 503 acres, opening that land to high density development over which you will have no say whatever. Deep in the legislation are additional concessions to

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developers, which when added together, could result in buildings even taller than seven stories. Mandated densities are between 80 and 100 units per acre, though up to 160 units are allowed. (A typical city block of single-family homes has a density of 12-14 units per acre). If you live within a half mile of a major bus or train stop, a dense, residential tower may be coming to a parcel in your neighborhood. And you will have to help pay for expanding infrastructure and services for that tower.

The rush to convert land near transit to high-rise rentals might be justified if housing supply was the problem. Supply is not the problem. A battery of statistics released by the Department of Finance in January finds supply more than adequate.

The crisis in housing is affordability – the gap between what middle and low-income residents can pay and what housing costs.

SB79 will be voted on when the Legislature reconvenes

in August. If the bill becomes law, SB79 will add to the costs already weighing heavily on cities in the form of their Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). No sooner have cities reworked their ordinances, at a cost of hundreds of hours and millions of dollars, than SB79 threatens to impose a whole new set of demands. To verify the high cost of RHNA, ask your city council how much they have spent, to date, on efforts to meet their 6th-cycle RHNA mandates.

No estimates have been made public for what SB79 might cost taxpayers.

Residents can help defeat the Manhattanization of California by sending a short email message or calling their legislators before August 18. Just say, "Oppose SB79."

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# 80th anniversary of Hiroshima remembered at CSMA event

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ext week will mark 80 years since the first atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, with devastating results. Estimates range between 150,000 and 246,000 people killed, most of them civilians.

The impacts were horrific, but the bombings led to Japan's surrender on Aug. 15, 1945, marking the end of World War

In remembrance of this somber anniversary, the Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) in Mountain View is scheduled to present a screening of director Barry Frechette's documentary, "Paper Lanterns." The event is set to begin 3 p.m. Aug. 9 at CSMA, 230 San Antonio Circle. The event is free.

"Paper Lanterns," produced by longtime CSMA supporter



STILL FROM THE FILM, "PAPER LANTERNS"

A young man launches a paper lantern to honor the memory of those killed in the atomic bomb devastations of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Nobuko Saito Cleary of Los Altos Hills, was nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the Woods Hole Film Festival in 2016. The film was screened multiple times at the United

Nations, including four showings at the UN Headquarters in New York. It was also featured at the UN Office in Geneva and the WTO, where Saito Cleary was invited to make a speech on peace in May 2025.

'Paper Lanterns" tells the story of Shigeaki Mori, a survivor of the Hiroshima bombing, whose life was transformed by a deeply personal mission: to uncover and share the stories of tens of thousands of Japanese victims, and to identify and honor 12 American prisoners of war who also perished that day. Among them were Normand Brissette of Massachusetts and Ralph Neal of Kentucky.

Through decades of effort, Mori brought long-overdue recognition to these men and helped their grieving families find a sense of connection, closure and peace.

The screening will be followed by a discussion with Frechette and Saito Cleary, offering insight into the making of the film and its ongoing im-

In addition to their talk,

the event will open with video messages from John Roos, former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Shiro Suzuki, Mayor of Nagasaki, Mori and others.

The event space will feature a small exhibition of images provided by the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, along with a light networking reception to offer attendees and speakers a thoughtful space to reflect on the events of Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945.

Attendees also will be invited to join in a short Bon Odori, or Bon dance - traditional Japanese dances performed to honor those who have passed. These folk dances will be led by Reiko Iwanaga/Reimichi Hanayagi. All are also invited to stay for a reception to reflect and connect.

This event is hosted in collaboration with The Japan

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# SV Community Foundation awards \$2.4M to small local nonprofits

Town Crier Report

Mountain View-**\**he based Silicon Valley Community Foundation has awarded \$2.4 million to 96 organizations through its Community Action Grants program, which provides funding to small local nonprofits working with communities that have historically faced discrimination and lack of access to resources.

The Community Action Grants program grantees don't just provide services - they're catalysts for positive change, led by and accountable to the communities they serve," said Nicole Taylor, president and CEO of SVCF. "These groups understand that lasting transformation happens when we listen to and are guided by those directly impacted by inequity. By investing in their community-driven solutions, we're not only strengthening our most marginalized neighborhoods but creating lasting change that benefits all Silicon Valley residents."

Local nonprofits working in arts and culture, environmental protection, faith-based initiatives, local journalism, health services and movement and power-building activities are receiving grants. The average grant size is \$21,000.

The Community Action Grants program reflects SVCF's strategy of supporting organizations that serve communities facing the greatest barriers to social and economic opportunities in Silicon Valley. The nonprofits funded under this program all have annual budgets of \$3 million or less.

Organizations receiving grants include:

• Fresh Approach, an organization working to address food insecurity and create long-term change in local food systems by connecting communities with healthy food from local farmers and expanding knowledge about food and nutrition. It works with other nonprofits, government agencies and healthcare systems to provide nutrition education, urban agriculture and community engagement.

- Casa Circulo Cultural, an organization building community through culturally rooted arts. Casa Circulo not only serves the needs of families but also works to shift who creates, leads and defines culture in Redwood City and beyond. To advance equity, it addresses exclusion tied to language, immigration, class, age and race.
- Renaissance Journalism, a group that has developed a bold approach to transforming local media. By expanding its Bay Area Media Collaborative to center on community storytellers, supporting journalism led by people of color, and challenging traditional media norms, Renaissance builds a more equitable media ecosystem.

To view the list of grant recipients from SVCF's Community Action Grants, visit svcf. org/impact/grants-catalog/ grantees-list.

#### **Hiroshima recalled at August event** of Women's International League

Town Crier Report

eninsula/Palo Alto branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is hosting the event, "Never Again! 80 years on from Hiroshima," scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 8 at the Los Altos main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road.

The illustrated talk by Golden Rule Project advisor Helen Jaccard explores what civic society is doing to ensure no further use of nuclear weapons, and what actions can be taken.

The United States dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, on Aug. 6, 1945.

A second bomb was dropped Aug. 9 on Nagasaki, triggering the end of the war with Japan. In 1958, The Golden Rule set sail to stop nuclear weapons tests in the Marshall Islands. The inspirational voyages of the ketch, which continues afloat, herald new awareness and actions.

"With the possible use of nuclear weapons a growing threat to humanity, resistance is vital," according to event organizers.

The event is free. For more information, email wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com.



Society of Northern California and the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco.

Saito Cleary has chaired and led major fundraising galas for the Japan Society of Northern California, successfully bringing together thought leaders, cultural icons and business innovators (including four prime ministers of Japan). She also serves in leadership roles for institutions such as the Angel Island Immigration Station

Foundation, Glaucoma Research Foundation, Northeastern University with the Nobuko Saito Cleary Trail Blazer Scholarships and the Community School of Music and Arts with concerts introducing Japanese culture.

Through storytelling, advocacy and decades of bridgebuilding, she continues to amplify underrepresented voices and foster mutual understanding between Japan and the

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# A Los Altos home with a lot of history: 228 Del Monte Ave.

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he Del Monte Avenue Neighborhood Block Party returns this Aug. 10, bringing together residents from Carmel Avenue, Carmel Court, Del Monte Avenue, Pasa Robles Avenue, West Portola Avenue and Pleasant Way.

"The event aims to strengthen community ties and offer a joyful, local celebration for neighbors of all ages," said Robin Bantz, who is a block party organizer along with her husband, Paul.

Activities will include displays of historical stories and vintage neighborhood maps mounted on poster boards.

The following is one such story written by longtime Del Monte homeowner Bridgit Calhoun.

"My husband Zachary, and I bought the house at 228 Del Monte Ave. in late 1964. We liked the house because it had a second house in the backyard. We paid \$24,000 for the place.

"Zachary worked at Lockheed. He was an aerospace engineer. After he lost his job there in 1970, he eventually found another job at Fort Ord. He bought a Honda 600 car (actually two, one green, one yellow) because there was a gasoline shortage at that time, and he commuted



Bridgit Calhoun's son John drew his famly's house at 228 Del Monte Ave. in Los Altos. Note the Volkswagon out front, in this image from 1967.

every day for several years with two passengers in that tiny car. We had a gasoline drum in our backyard because it was so difficult to get gas, and when there was gas, he filled up the drum.

"The house in front has two bedrooms and two baths. The house in back has a two-car garage. It has a large knotty-pinepaneled room with a bar. There is one bathroom. In addition, there is a room behind the garage and another room leading to it. One quirky thing in the big "rumpus" room was a wooden icebox under the bar. You needed to buy ice to keep things cool in it. I am sure that piece was an original piece of furniture.

"The main house was built in 1926. At that time the property consisted of four lots. The house in back was built a few years later. The original owners lived in San Francisco and had used this place as a weekend get-away. It was meant for partying.

"The two backyard lots bordered on Portola Avenue. The third lot was what is now 224 Del Monte Avenue. The origi-

nal house on 228 Del Monte Ave. had three bedrooms. The house in back also had an extra bedroom. I know this because a person where I worked in 1964 (Amelco Semiconductor) had looked at the house, and she described what it had looked like before the contractor Williams had bought it and put three houses on those lots. I worked in an R&D lab where I made transistors and microchips. To accommodate those houses the two extra bedrooms had to be removed. The lot, caddy-corner

from our lot on Portola, also used to have a swimming pool which was replaced by one of those houses.

"This house has a basement with a water heater, and it has a working forced air heater which we don't use. We only use the fireplace which we converted to gas.

"The front yard of the house had two grapefruit trees and several camellia bushes. On the street we had two walnut trees. The hawthorn tree is still where it was when we bought the house. The fence was a chain link fence, and the pyracantha bushes alongside it brought in redwinged blackbirds that ate the red berries and got drunk from them. There was a large pine tree at the edge of the 224 Del Monte lot. It fell over in a storm a few years after we bought the place. The current oak tree in front came up from seed probably from the oak that used to be across the street, and the bay tree, too, is an offspring of a tree that used to grow next to the old house when the Blends still lived there.

"The mailbox is the original mailbox from way back when.

"I had three sons. My first one is Stefan, my second is John (he drew the picture), and my third was Erik. He died in 2010."

### Save The Date

• 2025 Summer Concert Series, hosted by the city of Los Altos Parks & Recreation Department.

Concerts held 6:30 p.m. every Thursday, through Thursday (July 31), at Grant Park, 1575 Holt Ave., and Hillview Soccer Field, 97 Hillview Ave. Information: losaltosca. gov/325/2025-Summer-Concert-Series.

- Los Altos Farmers' Market, 4-8 p.m. Thursdays, through Oct. 9, along State Street. Information: downtownlosaltos.org.
- Rotary Club of Los Altos' 50th Fine Art in the Park, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Aug. 9 and 10, Lincoln Park, Los Altos. Information: rotaryartshow. com.

- Groundbreaking on 90unit affordable housing project., 1-3 p.m., Aug. 28, 330 Distel Circle, Los Altos.
- Mountain View Arts Festival, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 7, Castro Street, downtown Mountain View. Information: mvartwine.com.
- Corvette Spectacular, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 21, Main Street, downtown Los Altos. Organized by Santa Clara Corvettes, hosted by Los Altos Village Association. Information: sccorvettes.org/corvette-spectacular.
- Downtown Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade, 6 p.m. Nov. 30. Information: losaltosparade.org.





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# **Community Briefs**

# Fine Art in the Park set for Aug. 9 and 10

The Rotary Club of Los Altos invites the community to celebrate the 50th annual Fine Art in the Park, scheduled Aug. 9-10 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Park in downtown Los Altos.

This beloved summer tradition features more than 150 juried artists showcasing exceptional works in painting, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, photography, glass, textiles, wood and more. Attendees can preview artists' portfolios at rotaryartshow.com.

While enjoying the art and chatting with the artists, patrons can relax in a festive, family-friendly atmosphere listening to live jazz, rock and blues performances. New this year is the community stage, where talented, local youth will perform.

Local restaurants will offer a tempting array of food selections. Drink selections include fine wines from local vintners and craft beers.

For more information on the event, visit rotaryartshow.com.

# Art duo display work in LAH

The fine art exhibit "Rhythms and Reflections" featuring local artists Anil and Charlene Sawe will be on display at the Los Altos Hills Town Hall until September.

Anil and Charlene Sawe are both pursuing their passion for the fine arts in their retirement years. They met almost 48 years ago in Florida, when Charlene was an educator and Anil an electrical engineer, and watching the sunrise from the beach was one of their favorite activities.

For more information, visit losaltoshills.ca.gov or call (650) 941-7222.

For information on Anil and Charlene Sawe's art, visit sawearts.com.

#### Summer brings fun Fridays downtown

Los Altos First Fridays and Dogma are co-hosting Sizzling Summer Fun Friday events in downtown Los Altos through August.

Activities include pop-up live performances from eight bands around the downtown area on Fridays.

For more information, call First Friday events chairperson Jamie Lucia at (650) 823-3315 or visit losaltosfirstfriday.org.

# Merriman exhibit runs through November

The Los Altos History Museum is exhibiting "Building El Sueño: Isabel Merriman, Sarah Winchester, and the California Dream," which runs through Nov. 30. It shines a long-overdue spotlight on Isabel Merri-

man – an independent woman and active force in the rural community that predated Los Altos. Though often overlooked in historical records as anyone beyond Sarah Winchester's sister, Isabel's story is brought to life through original documents and artifacts, period images and architectural elements.

The exhibition features historic photographs from the museum's collections of early Los Altos, clothing of the Victorian era, correspondence from prominent local figures and architectural elements on loan from the Winchester Mystery House which resemble those adorning El Sueño. The distinctive variety of windows that grace both houses are echoed in the exhibition's design.

Related programs:

- Isabel's Scavenger Hunt, in the museum's garden, noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 9. Free admission.
- Sarah and Isabel: Two Sisters and their "Dream Houses," with Winchester Mystery House historian Janan Boehme, Wednesday, Sept. 17, 5:30-7 p.m.

Program admission is \$15/person; free for museum members. Registration required at losaltoshistory.org/elsueno.





# Historic Neutra House undergoing management transition to city of Los Altos



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In this scene from 2005, crews transport the 940-square foot Neutra House to its new location between the Los Altos Community Center and Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation.

Town Crier Report

management change is coming to Neutra House, the historic 1930s-era house built by famed modern architect Richard Neutra.

Located next door to the Los Altos Community Center on Hillview Avenue, the Neutra House has been a sought-after meeting space for nonprofits and other groups. The city owns the land and building, but members of the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation (also next door to Neutra) had assumed management of the building.

Beginning next month, that's changing.

"The city will manage as they do currently for space at the community center," said Crysta Krames, foundation executive director, "All nonprofits in Los Altos will have access to book the Neutra for free. Residents will be able to book it like the other city owned spaces. We are working with their team on a smooth transition all next month and will be officially finished with all oversight and management just after Labor Day."

Krames penned an op-ed to mark the occasion, accompanying this article.

The reason for the transition amounted to common sense, from Krames' point of view: Freedom from maintenance expenses will allow the foundation to better focus on its priorities, Krames said.

# Preserving our heritage: The legacy and future of Neutra House

By Crysta Krames

estled next door to the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation stands a quiet symbol of architectural integrity and community history: the Neutra House. Designed by renowned modernist architect Richard Neutra, this small iconic structure represents more than just mid-century aesthetics - it embodies a vital chapter of the shared legacy and community empowerment central to the foundation's mission.

Constructed in 1939, Neutra House is a testament to visionary design principles, characterized by clean lines, integration with nature and

functional elegance. Originally a private residence, this building's journey toward becoming a community treasure exemplifies determination and civic passion. In 2005, a dedicated group of residents formed the Los Altos Neutra House Preservation Committee. With generous community support and crucial backing from the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation, the house was painstakingly relocated and restored, demonstrating the foundation's ongoing commitment to empowering local initiatives and preserving heritage.

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"While a maintenance fund was originally set up with contributions from early donors, it isn't sufficient to fully cover the ongoing expenses – both for internal and external upkeep, as well as the indirect costs of managing the space," she said. "The foundation had been carrying the full financial responsibility for Neutra House, despite not having ownership.

"We also hadn't adjusted rental rates in over a decade in an effort to keep the space accessible for community use," Krames said. "But with the opening of new, flexible community center facilities, it became clear that continuing to subsidize Neutra House no longer made fiscal or strategic sense for the foundation."

The city is assuming stewardship of the building, ensuring it remains available and well cared for, while allowing the foundation "to redirect resources toward our mission and broader community impact work like our Local Impact Collective of 19 nonprofits (one of which is the Downtown Performing Arts Building Project)," Krames said.

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# Building El Sueño

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Who was Isabel Merriman? Long overshadowed by the myths and mysteries surrounding her sister, Sarah Winchester, Isabel's life and work have long gone unrecognized. This exhibition offers a window into the untold story of an energetic whirlwind of a woman who championed the rights of children and animals, refused to compromise her sense of justice, and left a lasting impression on everyone she met.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Isabel's Scavenger Hunt Sat, Aug 9, 12-4pm

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# Sarah and Isabel: Two Sisters and their "Dream Houses" Wed, Sept 17, 5:30-7pm\*

With Winchester Mystery House Historian Janan Boehme. \$15/person, free to members.

# A Winchester Mystery in the Valley of Heart's Delight Wed, Oct 15, 5:30-7pm\*

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Professor John W. Gardner, a distinguished public servant, championed community building. His teachings continue to be guideposts for Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation.

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# **Community**

# Estate planning ramifications of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

By Jean Kohler and Victoria Kaempf

Note: This column normally runs in the Senior Lifestyles section but was not included last week due to a lack of space. It is included here.

he One Big Beautiful Bill Act ("OBBBA"), signed by President Trump on July 4, 2025, includes provisions which impact estate planning. Here are a few of the highlights:

# Lifetime gift and generation-skipping transfer taxes

For 10 years we have had countless discussions with clients about the looming reduction in the federal estate tax exemption, referred to as the "sunset." The discussions centered around ways to use the exemption before its reduction by half on Jan. 1, 2026. The estate tax landscape is indeed shifting on Jan. 1, but not necessarily in the way our industry anticipated.

The OBBBA includes a permanent and expanded increase to the federal estate tax exemption, with similar changes to the federal gift and generation-skipping transfer ("GST") tax exemptions. On Jan. 1, 2026, the federal unified lifetime gift and estate tax exemption will increase from its current \$13,990,000 per person to \$15,000,000 per per-

## **Estate Planning**

son and the federal GST tax exemption will increase from its current \$13,990,000 per person to \$15,000,000 per person. Starting Jan. 1, 2027, these new exemption amounts will be adjusted annually for inflation. Before the OBBBA, each of these exemptions was scheduled to be reduced to about \$7,200,000 per person on Jan. 1, 2026. These changes are permanent unless a future Congress reverses them with new legislation. The estate, gift and GST tax rates remain at 40%.

For the overwhelming majority of American households, these changes will mean nothing. However, for highnet-worth individuals, these changes are transformative. Some will be relieved to have the pressure to utilize the high exemptions via lifetime gifting before the end of the year lifted, while others may welcome the opportunity to transfer more wealth to the next generation and to future generations. Some who have already made substantial gifts in anticipation of the sunset may want to explore ways to unwind the gifts and take back the gifted assets. Tried and true strategies like grantor retained annuity trusts, defective grantor trusts and dynasty trusts remain useful, but weighing the benefit of estate tax reduction against the loss of the income tax basis step up at death is crucial and complex.

The determination of the annual exclusion gift amount (currently \$19,000 per person per year), the basis "step-up" at death, and the spousal portability rules all remain unchanged under the OBBBA. These important features benefit just about everyone, so regardless of one's net worth, estate planning remains essential.

#### **Trump accounts**

Another key feature of the OBBBA is the "Trump account" pilot program. A Trump account is an IRA-style investment account for children born between Ian. 1, 2025, and Dec. 31, 2028, seeded with a gift from the federal government of \$1,000. The account assets will appreciate on an income tax deferred basis, but no funds may be withdrawn prior to the child's 18th birthday. When the child turns 18, the account converts to a traditional IRA with special rules allowing for distributions to the child for education, training programs, a home purchase and small business start-up costs. At age 25, the child can withdraw the entire account for these approved

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#### LEGACY From Page 13

Today, as the Neutra House transitions fully to city management, we find ourselves at another pivotal moment in its storied history. The city of Los Altos, which owns both the land and building, has embraced the stewardship and maintenance responsibilities. By assuming operational oversight, the city continues to affirm its partnership and support of the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation and its affiliates in the Local Impact Collective, ensuring Neutra House remains a vibrant hub for nonprofit community engagement and architectural inspiration.

This transition signifies more than an administrative change; it underscores a deeper community commitment to honoring our local heritage and fostering vibrant civic engagement. Neutra House will continue as a welcoming venue for community gatherings and educational programs, serving as an integral part of the new community center hub.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to King Lear and all the dedicated volunteers who have generously given their time and energy, making this resource a lasting treasure for our Los Altos community.

Krames is executive director of the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation.

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Along with the foundation, former Los Altos Mayor King Lear led a tenacious fundraising drive to move and renovate the structure.

The 940-square-foot structure was transported in 2005 from its Marvin Avenue location to its present spot at 183 Hillview Ave

"The city appreciates the care and stewardship of the Neutra House by the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation," said Los Altos City Manager Gabriel Engeland. "It is a great benefit to the community and the city will operate the Neutra House with the same care that LAMVCF did."

# **New art exhibits for August announced**

Town Crier Report

allery 9 is presenting "Bird's Eye View," running through Aug. 31. This solo exhibition by featured artist Carol Bower highlights Bower's recent pastel paintings – playful, expressive works that invite viewers into imaginative, colorful landscapes.

Embracing a newfound sense of adventurous spirit, Bower explores bold combinations of color, texture, line and shape. Bird's Eye View offers a peek into her creative world – where joy, movement and experimentation take flight.

Bower concludes, "I'm taking chances and having fun with art. Through color and composition, I hope to share the wonder I feel while making these pieces."

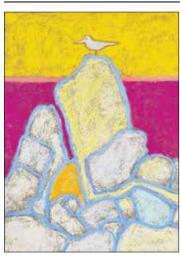
An artist reception is scheduled 5-8 p.m. Friday (Aug. 1) at the gallery, 143 Main St., in downtown Los Altos.

Gallery 9 is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit gallery-9losaltos.com.

#### **Viewpoints Gallery**

Viewpoints Gallery is featuring "Wearable Treasures Crafted from Nature," a new collection of jewelry by Palo Alto artist Carina Rossner, through Aug. 31. A reception for the artist is scheduled 5-8 p.m. Friday (Aug. 1) at the gallery, 315 State St., in downtown Los Altos.

For the past two decades, Rossner has been incorporating Earth's creations into jewelry and making wearable art. She Local Arts Roundup



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Carol Bower's "Birds Eye View" exhibition is currently running at Gallery 9 in downtown Los Altos.

creates her eye-catching pieces using a challenging process of casting actual flowers and leaves into sterling and bronze in a way that preserves all the intricate textures and forms of the original flora.

Rossner said she searches the world for unusual mineral specimens and pairs them with the florals or features them in free-form designs.

Her new collection highlights the rainbow of colors and forms in our world.

In addition to Friday's reception, meet the artist days are scheduled 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 16 and 24.

Viewpoints' hours are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit viewpointsgallery.com.

#### **MADSEN**

MADSEN LLC gallery is holding a "quarterly signature event" 6-8 p.m. Aug. 15 at the gallery, 351 Main St., in downtown Los Altos.

Gallery owner Amy Madsen said the event is a "unique opportunity to meet and mingle with our talented artists, while enjoying artisan wine and nibbles." To register for the event, visit tinyurl.com/MadsenAugustEvent.

Featured Artists include Royal Academy of Sculptors Member Carl Hopgood (Los Angeles), Nahyun Kim (San Francisco), Dennis Peak (Carmel), Anki Gelb (Sausalito), Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grantee Lucas Blok (Monterey) and James Moore (Stockton).

The gallery has special summer hours, open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays and until 7 p.m. on Fridays, until Aug. 9. Normal hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, and by appointment.

Madsen said the gallery celebrated three years in operation in May.

"I was glad I was able to secure Carl (Hopgood) from LA," she said. "He is perhaps my most ambitious and prestigious artist yet. His works (in addition to Lucas Blok) are investments. And ... I make the claim that new to my gallery, Nahyun Kim, is the same."

For more information, visit apmadsen.com.

Send local arts roundup submissions to bruceb@latc.

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purposes only; at age 30, the child can withdraw the entire account for any purpose. The accounts will grow on a taxfree basis, but qualified withdrawals will be taxed at the rate applicable to long-term capital gains (as opposed to ordinary income). The account assets may only be invested in certain types of mutual funds or ETFs. Until the child turns 18, a parent or others may gift to the child's account up to \$5,000 per year, using a portion of the annual exclusion. Some employers have already agreed to

match the government's \$1,000 investment for the qualifying children of its employees, and these matching funds will not be treated as taxable income to the parent.

#### **Expansion of 529 plans**

The OBBBA also expands the utility of the beloved, taxadvantaged 529 education savings account. Starting in 2026, authorized payments for K-12 education costs will increase from \$10,000 per year to \$20,000, homeschooling expenses will be authorized, as well as tutoring expenses, testing fees, vocational education expenses, credentialing programs and continuing edu-

cation costs. For families with a special needs child, the ability to roll over a 529 account to an ABLE account will become permanent. Note that 529 plans are established under the purview of a state-sponsored plan, so be sure to check the state rules of your 529 plan as well – it may take some time for the state laws to conform to these federal changes.

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# Stepping Out

# Discarded objects hold new meanings in this ongoing exhibit

**By Brandon Roth** 

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person goes through wanting improve. There are many obstacles that one must overcome, and there are plenty of stories - through shared experiences – that can connect people. Just as one may carry wounds of our past, the objects used in everyday life often exhibit similar features. such as blemishes, damaged

appearances and useless design.

As our objects continue to evolve or erode, we can either accept their new potential or discard the items in the trash. Carl Hopgood, a British native and Los Angeles-based artist for the last 10 years, said everyday materials inspire him. While working as a set designer years ago, he used to see objects lying on the side of the road and give them new life.

Inspired by 17th-century Spanish still life paintings and the sculptures of Dada artist Marcel Duchamp, he wanted to reposition his found objects and give them new meaning beyond their given function. In his new exhibit at MADSEN art gallery on 351 Main Streett called "Far From Fear," he creates assemblages - items that were once part of something and then rearranged to form a new object - with chairs. He said

chairs hold memories of their past owners and it is interesting to play around with how they can be brought to life.

"I always say that a chair is never really empty, because memories always sit there and everybody's got a memory of their grandparents or a lost loved one that might have sat in a chair that is no longer here, but the memory of them is always there," he said. "An inanimate object has so much emotion that's an important thing for me to bring out that emotion often, using the neon with some of the words that I use, to bring that emotion to the object."

His pieces include a painting called "Love Yourself First" which represents one of the only items from his studio to survive a fire in 2024, an assemblage called "Far from Fear" which shows the title statement glowing in neon light surrounded by a suspending chair that looks as if its falling or "Drunk Love," two bar stool chairs whose seats face each other as if they are pressing up against each other.

He said people in California understand what it is like to have and then lose everything. He learned by living in the United States that people are resilient to change and are aware of how fragile the world is. Coming from a small town near Cardiff, Wales, he said it was much harder to represent yourself as an artist; there was only one gallery in his town. However, once he joined the large art and LGBT community in Los Angeles, he was able to make connections and include his pieces in various galleries and installations across the country.

"Making art is my therapy," he said. "Especially with the chair sculptures, like a lot of the work that I've done has been taught through therapy, where you talk to an imaginary image of vourself attached to the chair and offer words of reassurance. You're sort of looking back to when you were a child, but now you have a toolbox of coping mechanisms that you are now okay."

For more information on Hopgood's exhibit, visit tinyurl.com/bdv6tjkv.



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Carl Hopgood, a Los Angeles-based artist, will be presenting a body of his work at MADSEN Gallery through the month of August. His exhibit "Far From Fear" shows how discarded items such as chairs hold old memories and can bring new ones.

To pitch a story for Stepping Out, email section editor Brandon Roth at brandonr@latc.com.

# **Puzzles Page**

#### **Town Crier Crossword**

#### By Myles Mellor

#### **Across**

- 1. Investment fund, abbr.
- 4. Army noncommissioned officers, abbr.
- 8. Sounds of woe
- 11. Ocean entree
- 13. \_\_\_ the finish, 2 words
- 14. \_\_\_ negotiable
- 15. Motion picture
- 16. California wine valley
- 17. Personal sense of selfimportance
- 18. Police Chief Saskia
- 20. Baby food catcher
- 21. Outdoor gathering, 2 words
- 23. Witty remark, with bon
- 26. Cook in hot oil
- 27. Redwood and Andy
- 30. Knots up
- 32. Maine fort
- 33. French river of WWI battle fame
- 34. School-parents organization, abbr.
- 35. Poetic evening, abbr.
- 36. Garden divided into colorful sections of geometric shapes

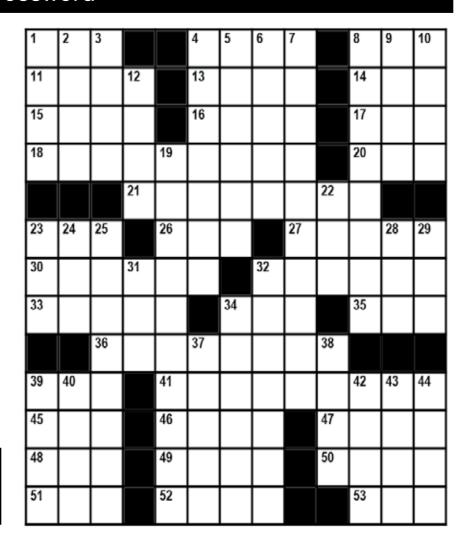
- 9. \_\_\_ hurry, 2 words
- 41. Terrier breed
- 45. Edible forest mushroom,
- aka porcino
- 46. Partner of rank
- and serial number
  47. Weatherman's forecast
- 48. Lady sheep
- 49. Determination in the face of
- difficulty
- 50. \_\_\_ colada 51. Mail abbreviation
- 52. Diner sign
- 53. Salesperson

#### Down

- 1. Church-related abbreviation
- 2. Musical group of three
- 3. Predator's pointed tooth
- 4. Vocal performers
- 5. "Totally gross!" in slang
- 6. Recorded audio
- 7. Keep vigilant watch, 2 words
- 8. Singly and successively, 3 words
- 9. Meditation practitioner
- 10. Parvenu
- 12. Complaint or grievance

- 19. Shooting practice facility,2 words
- 22. One \_\_\_ bandit
- 23. Hollywood studio with a
- lion logo
- 24. Positioned upon, 2 words25. Roofing material, 2 words
- 28. Victory sign
- 29. Sea eagle species
- 31. Cellular genetic
- material, abbr.
  32. Urban thoroughfares
- 34. Authorization document
- 37. Jeweled headpiece
- or. deweled fleaupiech
- 38. Frontier lawman
- 39. Nordic nation abbreviation
- 40. Small amphibian
- 42. Animal's hidden
- dwelling
- 43. "\_\_\_ kleine Nachtmusik"
- 44. Quick, sudden sound
- Los Altos clues bolded

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#### Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult. Level: Medium

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#### Find A Word

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Fifteen "pass" words are listed by this puzzle. They may go across, up and down or diagonally in the puzzle. Circle each one when you find

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Passion Passover Passport Surpass Trespass

# Schools

# Ballet program provides accessible classes all year

**By Brandon Roth** 

Staff Writer/brandonr@latc.com

allet and many other forms of dance are activities that can be a years-long commitment and an investment many families cannot afford. Many factors come into play, such as paying to be in a competitive studio, purchasing dancewear every few weeks or other fees that include travel and dance performances.

Although there are a vast number of barriers within ballet, there are many opportunities available for everyone to participate. Claire Yu, a rising senior at Los Altos High School and a dancer since the age of 4, said that she recognized ballet's inaccessible culture and wanted to create a program that offered free classes. In 2022, Yu and her friend Abigail Pravinata co-founded Dance Développé to allow families across the Bay Area to afford the expenses of ballet and have performance opportunities.

Ballet, especially compared to other types of dance, is pretty inaccessible because of all the

expenses that come with point shoes," Yu said. The shoes are like \$100 for each pair of point shoes and you go through them every few weeks. The leotards can also range up to \$100. I think the main thing is tuition. Being able to perform in shows is a huge expense and it can be a burden for a lot of families."

She said the program offers underserved students ages 5 to 9 ballet training with high school students across the area, many of whom are her friends. The student instructors provide them with lessons on the history of ballet, the fundamental dance movements and arts and crafts to create their costumes. She said ballet is a fine art that is less prominent in many lowincome communities and she wanted to provide children with opportunities that can help them grow.

"Ballet has taught me more about how to live my life than other dances," Yu said. "I learned a lot of etiquette and how to hold myself with grace and be elegant through dance. I like how it has also affected my life with discipline."



Center top row, Claire Yu, a co-founder of Dance Développé, created a program that provides opportunities for underserved children with formal ballet training. The program offers free classes and dancewear to students ages 5 to 9.

She said their program is Cultural, where she has and other programs and events currently based in Redwood partnered with them to hold City at the Casa Circulo their annual summer camps

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# Nonprofit provides dorm essentials for MVLA Scholars

By Zoë Friedman Town Crier Editorial Intern

Mountain •hen

View High School graduate Adeleny Farias moved into her dorm at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo last fall, she was grateful to see that everything she needed had already been provided in a thoughtfully packed "room in a bag."

"I received so much," Farias said of the bag of essentials she received. "It helped lessen the cost of moving. I used every single thing."

Last summer, Farias and 59 other MVLA Scholars students received their bags through Room for Success, a Los Altos-based nonprofit founded in 2020 by two families who have known each other for several years. Room for Success provides disadvantaged incoming college students with a collection of dorm essentials tailored to each student's

preference.

The idea began during the pandemic, when co-founder and president Brenna Preston said her daughter, Reese, was watching dorm decorating

"Maybe we could do this as our thing," Brenna said, "What if we did dorm room kits for kids, because the scholarships don't cover the dorm rooms.'

The Prestons didn't do it on their own. Their family friends, the Fores, helped them launch Room for Success. They soon partnered with MVLA Scholars after Brenna read about the organization in the Town Crier.

MVLA Scholars serves lowincome, first-generation college students from Mountain View and Los Altos through mentorship and ongoing financial support from the community, according to its website. Brenna said each year, MVLA Scholars provides the Room for Success

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COURTESY OF MVLA SCHOLARS

Los Altos nonprofit Room for Success helps MVLA Scholars prepare for college by helping them receive essential items for their college dorms and classes. Many of the students in this program are low income and first generation college students.

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throughout the year. At the center, she said, they host their annual Nutcracker productions and their spring performances. Recent performances included Sleeping Beauty and Don Quixote. She said they hope to rent out a local theater one day so more community members can see them perform.

The program has also participated in many community events, such as Redwood City's Day of the Dead celebration with more than 1,000 audience members and at San Jose's Lunar New Year event.

"I want to one day expand to more sites, other than Redwood City," Yu said. I want to make a larger impact and teach more kids. I think our program stands out because we provide students with a lot of valuable opportunities. A lot of programs don't provide them with the same performance opportunities, viewing opportunities to watch professional ballet and to learn the history."

Katie Luong, an instructor and rising freshman student at Claremont McKenna College, said she met Yu through their ballet classes at Ramon Moreno School of Ballet and became involved with Dance Développé early on. Yu asked Luong to be charge of their programs'

weekly curriculum, where she sets the schedule for when they do bar stretches or floor work, deciding on the presentation topics and dance choreography.

"Being able to be a teacher is a cool perspective," Luong said. "My own experiences are my own experiences, but when I get to see the other kids explore ballet, I reflect on my journey with ballet. Seeing other kids grow a new passion for ballet is rewarding and when they are performing on stage, from the beginning to the end, it's amazing to see."

The programs teach all the students how to be expressive and develop their own personality. She said seeing people grow up and become either "explosive" or "graceful" in their dance has been a pleasure for her to experience. She said many of her oldest students are now 12, and some of them have even been able to get scholarships into the school that Yu and she are a part of.

"I feel like the kids are just so wonderful to work with because they have they come into class every week with an open mind," Luong said. "They're ready to learn. They're super excited. And I think the journey that I've had with the kids is really special and I hope that they'll keep dancing in their future."

For more information on Dance Développé, visit dancedeveloppe.org.

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team a list of incoming students - some commuting, some living on campus for their first year of college. Room for Success then sends the scholars a survey to help create a bag customized to their favorite colors and aesthetics.

"We try to tailor every dorm room as closely to what they want," Brenna shared.

To personalization makes Room for Success' project special.

"I think my favorite part is knowing how we do the surveys, and I know that what I'm putting in this bag, this person's gonna like," the teen said. "I know they're going to just feel at home in this room, versus just a hospital room kind of vibe."

**MVLA** co-chair Janet Tornow called the partnership a "win-win."

"They're just so enthusiastic and considerate," she said. "They really want to do a good job and give something thoughtful and meaningful to the scholars. It really makes a difference for (the scholars)."

Though Room for Success is entirely self-funded and still run by the six founding members, Brenna said the team has grown its impact each year, providing a bag for every MVLA Scholar who requests one. This year, they created



COURTESY OF MVLA SCHOLARS

More than 59 MVLA Scholar students this year recieved everyday items such as backpacks, decorations and supplies to personalize their dorm rooms.

personalized bags.

"I think what is really nice about what we've done is the hands-on approach to help," Brenna said, reflecting on all they've accomplished. start off kind of small, just to start helping, even if it's not hundreds and hundreds of kids at first, you can start building and help those who are in our community."

For Farias, the MVLA Scholars' partnership with Room for Success has been incredibly impactful.

"(MVLA Scholars)couldhave just stopped at their scholarship

and their mentorship program, but they chose to really help their mentees feel more comfortable in that transition and lessen not only the financial cost of moving in, but make me feel more prepared for college, having a program and foundation that is really there for you," she said.

Room for Success and MVLA Scholars welcome donations and volunteers to expand their reach.

For more information on these organizations, visit roomforsuccess.org and mvlascholars.org.

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# Sports

# Treat everyone with respect and dignity

**By Michelle Noeth** Special to the Town Crier

"What game are you watching?" "Let them play!" "You're ruining the game for the kids!" "You suck!"

Sound familiar? These are just a few of the comments too often heard from the stands at high school sporting events – directed at the referees and umpires doing their best to manage the game.

High school sports are about more than winning or losing. They represent a unique stage in the development of high school studentathletes, where they compete, learn and grow through the values of discipline, teamwork and sportsmanship. These athletes are giving their all, representing their schools and striving to improve. For spectators, attending these events is a privilege. Unfortunately, this privilege is sometimes overshadowed by inappropriate, disrespectful behavior aimed at game officials, adults doing their best to uphold the rules of the game under pressure and scrutiny.

Why do people choose to officiate? For many, it's a

second job or a way to give back to the sport they love. They show up because they care - because they want to be a part of students' athletic journeys. The tone in gyms, on fields and around pool decks has shifted. The personal attacks, the constant second-guessing and the toxic comments are driving many officials away. When potential new officials see how their peers are treated, they're choosing not to step into the role at all. Referees and umpires understand that stepping onto a field, court or pool deck means they will be questioned and challenged. Still, they choose to officiate. They value the opportunity to help shape student-athletes in moments of high competition and emotional learning.

Without officials, games cannot be played as scheduled. Football games, for example, are increasingly being moved to Thursdays or Saturdays – not for convenience, but because there simply aren't enough officiating crews available. Many veteran officials are aging out of the profession, and there aren't enough younger individuals



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Treating referees and umpires with respect is an important part of high school athletics.

stepping in to take their place. And let's be clear – choosing to officiate does not mean choosing to be harassed. As a result, potential new officials are choosing not to get involved, creating a shortage that affects all school communities.

We've all seen signs reminding us to "Let the players play, let the coaches coach and let the officials officiate." These aren't just slogans; they are essential reminders of how we, as adults, can model sportsmanship for the stu-

dents watching us.

Have you ever sat next to the "yeller" in the stands? While their comments may get a laugh from a friend, they often create discomfort for those around them. Worse, this behavior can embarrass the very athletes they're there to support. When officials are forced to stop a game to involve an administrator due to a disruptive spectator, it reflects poorly – not just on the individual, but on the school and community as a whole.

We must also recognize

that not every call will go a team's way. Officials make split-second decisions while managing countless variables that fans may not be aware of. Spectators often view the game through a narrow lens, focused only on their team or their child. But officials are trained, attend rule update meetings and continuously work to improve. Like athletes, they make mistakes. But yelling at them doesn't help—it only escalates frustrations.

The best officials don't

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# Los Altos Little League wraps up historic season

Town Crier Report

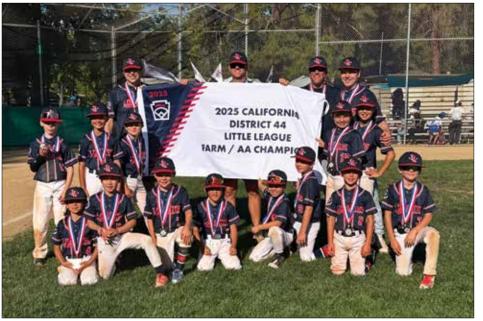
os Altos Little League has closed out one of the most impressive seasons in recent memory – with championship wins, undefeated records and a deep bench of talent that shined across every division.

Two teams from the league completed undefeated seasons and capped them with Tournament of Champions titles in District 44, with the Minors Royals (21–0) and Majors Padres (23–0) both winning their divisions. The Juniors Yankees also had a strong showing, finishing as District 44 tournament of champions runners-up in a highly competitive division.

Los Altos Little League also saw success in its all star divisions, with the 8U all-stars crowned District 44 champions after wins over Santa Clara Page 20 | Los Altos Town Crier | July 30, 2025

Westside, Mountain View, Moreland, Sunnyvale Metro and Campbell. The 8U team finished runner-up in the Jim Saeger Invitational, beating out Union, Briarwood and other club teams. The Jim Saeger Invitational in Los Gatos brings together teams from across the San Jose area. The 10U and 11U all stars both made it to the District 44 final four, while the 12U all stars captured the District 44 title and advanced to the Section 5 championship game, finishing as runners up. The 12U team beat teams from Aptos, Campbell, Hollister and Santa Teresa. The Juniors all stars finished as District 44 runner ups.

Visit losaltoslittleleague.com to learn more about the league and to register for Fall Ball, with the season running from early September through late October or early November.



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The Los Altos Little League 8U all stars after winning the District 44 title.

# **Sports**

#### **RESPECT**

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just enforce rules; they also take opportunities to educate student-athletes and coaches. They help foster understanding, accountability and growth. Just like players, some officials are seasoned professionals, while others are new and learning. Regardless of experience, they all deserve respect.

High school sports should be a positive, educational experience. As a community, we all need to work together to create an environment that supports this mission, one where good behavior, respect and sportsmanship are not just expected from the players and coaches but from everyone in attendance.

Let's cheer for our teams, encourage great play and show our student-athletes what it looks like to win – and lose – with class.

Michelle Noeth is the athletic director at Los Altos High School.



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High school sports should encourage respect and sportsmanship from all those in attendance.

### **Sports Brief**

# Los Altos High looking for coaches ahead of new school year

Los Altos High School is currently seeking individuals with coaching experience to join their athletic staff. They are looking for coaches who are passionate about creating a positive experience for student-athletes while also focusing on skill development and fostering a competitive spirit within their sport.

Coaches are needed for

junior varsity swimming and badminton in the spring (January-May) and freshman girls basketball in the winter (November-February).

A stipend is available. For more information or to express interest, contact Los Altos High athletic director Michelle Noeth at michelle. noeth@mvla.net.

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# Planting a TC garden

**Town Crier Report** 

hile this summer has been relatively mild so far, plants in the gardens of Town Crier staff haven't paid any mind.

As our plants begin – and continue – to bear fruit and veggies, many of us have received bounties.

From varieties of cucumbers thriving in TC Associate Publisher Howard Bischoff's garden to blooming roses and sunflowers in the gardens of graphic design team members, here are just a few shots of some of the gifts nature has given us over the last few months.

We're proud of our gardens, and we know you're proud of your own, too. We encourage Town Crier subscribers to send in some photos of their gardens, their bounties or their favorite summer plants. Send some eye-catching photos with a brief description, in addition to what city you live in, to Your Home section editor Christina Casillas, christinac@latc.com before Aug. 15; if all instructions are followed, you may see some of your beloved gardens and bounties gracing the pages of the Town Crier in the Aug. 27 Your Home special section.



TOP LEFT, LUCY CHEN/TOWN CRIER, BOTTOM LEFT, HOWARD BISCHOFF/ TOWN CRIER TOP RIGHT, CHRISTINA CASILLAS/ TOWN CRIER BOTTOM RIGHT, MIKE ECHEVERRIA/ TOWN CRIER

**Top left, Town Crier Graphic Designer Lucy** Chen's sunflower is stunning but currently the target of some crows. Top right, Town Crier Managing Editor Christina Casillas's garden is abundant with corn, tomatoes and chilies. Bottom left, Associate Publisher Howard Bischoff is also reaping the rewards of what he and his wife Hollis have sown; lemon cucumbers (those spherical, gourdlike veggies), and typical cucumbers. Bottom left, Lead Graphic Designer Mike Echeverria's roses are blooming colorfully and beautifully. Echeverria spe cializes in growing pots in small spaces, but he's most recently been getting into houseplant care.







## **Your Home**

# Moving without your stuff, part one



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Moving can be a daunting, physically and emotionally draining task. Leaving some belongings, like foods and skin care products, can make the trips easier.

#### By Lyn Rogers

This is the first of a two-part series. Part two will debut in the August section of Your Home.

Beginning a new life in a new location can either be exciting or something to dread. Often, we find that we're dreading it for one of two reasons: leaving close friends and family behind, or the thought of packing up many years of memories and the overwhelming feelings that come with that. But what if we could exchange the second part to feel like a fresh start and truly build a new life, while still holding on to precious memories?

Whether you live alone or with others, now is the time to take a serious look at what you own and decide whether it fits into your new life and lifestyle. Do you currently live where it frequently turns cold, rainy or snowy, but you're moving to the tropics? Your parkas should be given to a friend who will need them more than you. Only take clothes that make sense for the climate in your new neighborhood. Have you been holding on to gifts because you feel obligated to keep them? Now is the time to give them to your favorite charity and use the excuse that it costs too much to take them with you.

It's very expensive to ship furniture that you don't absolutely love. If you're downsizing to a smaller home, especially, being able to take the bare minimum with you and purchase the items you'd rather have when you get there and are settled can be more cost-effective and fulfilling. Likewise, for appliances that you never use, linens and clothes that have seen better days, or are not the right sizes, and outdated electronics, it's best to find them a new home.

If you've inherited furniture from family members that doesn't fit in with your aesthetic or lifestyle, take photos and add those to an acid-free album, a photo box or digitize them. The same goes for art pieces, jewelry and collectibles that you aren't fond of but were your family member's most prized treasure. Another family member may be very happy to

give them a new home or they can be sold to finance your move.

Housewares are one of the least expensive items to replace. Your cutting board, wooden spoons and scratched utensils can be recycled or donated, depending on condition. Old kitchen towels can be utilized by animal rescues or given to textile recyclers. Beat-up reusable water bottles can be recycled, as can plastic containers.

Moving bottles of skin care products can prove to be really messy. They could leak or arrive misshapen. Are you sure that they are new and not a year old? It's probably best that most personal care items be replaced upon arriving at your new home, with rare exceptions. You deserve to start your new life with fresh supplies.

Fresh supplies also include food items. Eat up everything you can from your fridge, freezer and pantry. Is part of your new life starting over by incorporating more healthy foods? Start now by gifting your other, less healthy foods that are not expired and unopened to friends or food pantries. Healthy foods that you somehow accumulated and will never eat can also be given away.

Starting over incorporates every facet of your life. Whether the move is next month or next year, you can begin now to change your surroundings and belongings to fit the vision you have for your new life.

Los Altos Hills resident Lyn Rogers, a professional organizer, is owner and CEO of Lyn At Your Service. For more information, visit LynAtYourService.com.

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# **Business & Real Estate**

# Local pizzaiolos take home top awards for pizza-making mastery

Town Crier Report

ars and Andrew Smith, co-owners of local staple State of Mind Public House and Pizzeria, came back with top awards from the prestigious Trofeo Caputo, an international pizza competition, in June.

The award-winning pizzas are on the menu at all State of Mind locations – including Los Altos, Palo Alto and Redwood City – throughout the summer.

The Trofeo Caputo World Pizza Championship, hosted in Naples, Italy, draws pizza makers from around the world to compete against each other to see who the best pizzaiolo is across dif-

ferent categories. Hosted this year from June 3-5, Lars took second place for a pizza in teglia (pan pizza) he created with fresh mozzarella, spicy eggplant, organic tomato sauce and slow-roasted tomatoes, gorgonzola, mint and chili thread, according to a press release. Andrew secured third place for the traditional American category with a pizza he adorned with California mozzarella and extra virgin olive oil, pepperoni, stracciatella cheese and fresh basil.

"This competition is about more than just dough and toppings. It's a celebration of craft, culture and innovation," Andrew was quoted in chouse.com.

the release. "We're thrilled to bring this recognition back to our team and our guests at State of Mind."

Lars added that it was an honor to represent the state and American pizza scene on an international level. He said the recognition, especially in Naples, the birthplace of pizza, was humbling.

State of Mind Public House and Pizzeria is a family-owned business founded by Lars, Andrew, Cristina and Jim Smith. It specializes in craft beer, local ingredients and California-style pizza.

For more information, visit stateofmindpublichouse.com.



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Lars Smith, pictured, is not new to awards. Here he is in 2019 receiving recognition for another pizza-related accolade.

# New Charles Schwab report shows you're only as wealthy as you feel

By Artie Green

here's an old song by Jefferson Airplane that goes "You're only (as) pretty as you feel." Perhaps the same can be said about wealth. So much so that brokerage firm Charles Schwab commissions an annual study of 2,200 Americans regarding their beliefs about their wealth. There are some interesting findings from the recently released 2025 study.

What does it mean to be wealthy? The largest number of respondents chose happiness as the most important factor, although it was close to money (45% versus 44%). Others chose physical or mental health, relationships, accomplishments or other factors. Interestingly, only 18% chose free time as the most important factor.

The study also compared the per-

ception of being financially comfortable versus being wealthy. Almost half of all respondents reported feeling financially comfortable, with the youngest cohort (Gen Z: those born between 1997 and 2003) feeling the most comfortable (57%). Only about a third of respondents, however, considered themselves wealthy, and as with the above, the younger the respondent, the higher their view of their wealth. These findings suggest a degree of financial optimism shared by younger Americans but raise concerns about those in or approaching retirement. Just 39% of boomers (born between 1948 and 1964) feel comfortable about their financial situation and only 20% feel wealthy.

Is there a target savings amount for which people feel financially comfortable or wealthy? Yes, and that number

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varies significantly depending on age. Surprisingly, younger Americans think it takes less to become wealthy than older ones: \$1.7 million for Gen Z, \$2.1 million for millennials (1981-1996) and Gen X (1965-1980), and \$2.8 million for boomers. This perception of wealth based on age also carries through to the lesser amount needed just to feel financially comfortable, with Gen Z believing they need the least amount (\$329,000) and boomers the most (\$943,000).

The report also tracks how wealth viewpoints have changed over the past five years. In 2021, respondents on average felt only \$624,000 would be needed to achieve financial comfort.

That amount went up to \$1 million in 2023, likely due to the post-Covid inflation spike. In the current study, it has dropped back to \$839,000. Similarly, what respondents thought it took to become wealthy in 2021 was \$1.9 million, rising to \$2.5 million in 2024 and declining to \$2.3 million today.

According to the study, Americans who are saving, investing their savings and have a financial plan are more optimistic about their current wealth and/or their ability to reach their wealth goals. If you're not feeling comfortable with your own wealth situation, that might be a way to improve it.

Los Altos resident Artie Green is founder of Cognizant Wealth Advisors. For more information, visit cognizantwealth.com.



# **Business & Real Estate**

# Lost a pet? Watch out for this scam

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osting on social media is a great way to alert a wide range of people about a lost pet. Unfortunately, that same publicity can put you at risk for scams. Con artists comb social posts to find targets who have lost their beloved pets.

#### **How the scam works**

You recently lost your pet, so you turn to social media to alert friends and neighbors. You create a public post - or even a group - to help spread the word. You share your phone number and other details, so people can easily reach you. From here, the scam can take a few turns.

Someone claims they found your pet. You get a text message from someone claiming to have found your lost dog or cat. You ask them to describe your pet and/or send a photo, but the conversation quickly takes a strange turn. The scammer will give excuses, such as being out of town or not having a working smartphone, for why they can't

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snap a photo. Instead, the person will pressure you for money (or a gift card) to return your pet. Although you may be tempted to do anything to see your dog or cat returned safely, don't pay up! The scammer doesn't have your pet. They will just take the money and disappear.

You're offered fake pet search services. A new twist on this scam involves fake pet-finding services. You may receive a message from someone on social media about drone technology and search parties that can help you find your pet. The person will ask you for payment up front and will likely ask you to send it through a peer-to-peer payment app. Before paying for services, always search for the business on BBB.org or check BBB Scam Tracker.

A recent example of this scam shared to BBB Scam Tracker read, "...They contacted me about my missing pet and stated they could use a drone to find it, but in order for them to get started, they would ask for \$200 payment for their services so that they could deploy people and services to get the search started. Once the money was sent, they stated that they would refund me if they didn't find my pet for any reason. ... Once I started looking further into it, after I had a moment to settle, I saw a few 'scam' posts for this company. ..."

Your pet was stolen. In other cases, the pet has actually been stolen, and the scammer will ask for payment for the safe return-or they may try to sell your pet online to another person. If you have confirmed that your pet was stolen, contact your local police department for assistance.

#### How to avoid a lost pet scam

• Limit the information in your social posts. If you post on Facebook or other social media, omit information about unique physical attributes. This can



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Loving pet owners are the targets of new social media scams.

help you verify if someone really found your pet.

- Watch for spoofed numbers. If you get a call from someone claiming to have your pet, ask them for a phone number where you can call them back. Scammers often spoof phone numbers, so they appear to be calling from somewhere else.
- Ask for a photo. If a caller claims to have your pet in their possession, ask them to send a current picture. If the "finder" gets defensive or makes a lot of excuses, it's a red flag.
- Never wire money or use a prepaid debit card to pay anyone you don't know. This is the same as sending cash.
- Microchip and/or ID tag your pet. Consider having your veterinarian microchip your pet, and make sure they always wear a collar and ID tag. Newer ID tags with GPS trackers can be purchased, to find your pet's location.
- Call the police if your pet was stolen, or if you see that someone else is trying to sell your pet online.





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### **Transactions**

#### **Los Altos**

**425 1st Street** #33, 425 First Los Altos LLC to R. & T. Hsu for \$1.845.000

**502 Tyndall Street,** Sharkey Trust to X. & L. Ye for \$2,300,000

1382 Holt Avenue, Visionary Development LLC to 7A Holdings LLC for \$3,000,000

654 Cuesta Drive, Bauknight Living Trust to Wong Living Trust for \$3,800,000

2031 Farndon Avenue, V. Nahrung to H. & K. Wang for \$4,000,000

1435 Highland View Court, King Trust to S. & P. Gong for \$4,500,000

**1040 Russell Avenue,** S. Elassaad to Z. & M. Bagherian for \$4,850,000

49 Los Altos Avenue, Wong Family Trust to V. & A. Chadha for \$5,050,000

939 Carmel Court, Smith Living Trust to Soyannwo Living Trust for \$5,265,000

660 Giralda Drive, J. Krygier to Y. & Y. Sun for \$5,920,000 364 Benvenue Avenue, J. Shen to Hu Family Trust for \$6,401,000

930 Covington Road, D. Trepanier to D. Black for \$7,000,000

747 **Arroyo Road,** Mendez Trust to Intuitive Holdings LLC for \$12,000,000

#### **Los Altos Hills**

**27161 Moody Road,** Eyres Family Trust to B. & S. Attari for \$7,600,000

25611 Vinedo Lane, Kacin Trust to C. & Y. Gong for \$8,100,000

11991 Murietta Lane, Devine Family Trust to Zagalsky Family Trust for \$8,683,000

#### **Mountain View**

938 Clark Avenue #62, J. Thompson to S. Kim for \$899,000

**2255 Showers Drive** #**251**, C. Lou to A. Liu for \$1,100,000

441 Beaume Court, A. Hawker to Y. Liao for \$1,590,000 932 Ormonde Drive, M.

Labson to Sv Ventures Holdings LLC for \$1,700,000

**2560 Saffron Way,** S. Ye to B. & H. Wang for \$1,776,000

**571 Mccarty Avenue,** Wallace Trust to L. & J. Garden for \$1.875,000

**1283 Verano Road,** P. Lee to Y. & M. Tsai for \$1,980,000

**2404 Gabriel Avenue,** J. Gu to H. Niakan for \$2,156,000

**1893 San Luis Avenue**, B. Sa to A. Huang for \$2,250,000

**422 Whisman Court**, Richardson & Zheng Trust to Q. & J. Ma for \$2,250,000

2479 Leghorn Street, Baskins Trust to 2479 Leghorn LLC for \$2,700,000

1148 Judson Drive, Sanchez-Harris Living Trust to J. & F. Peng for \$3,050,000

1747 **Begen Avenue**, Lucky Truckee Properties LLC to S. & M. Lin for \$3,800,000

#### **Cupertino**

20500 Town Center Lane

**#297**, A. Shaw to Tsai Family Trust for \$1,280,000

21818 Lomita Avenue, V. Yutsis to V. & N. Chelidze for \$2,500,000

**10363 Noel Avenue,** Shaul Living Trust to E. & J. Lewis for \$3,136,000

10189 Byerly Court, Devi Trust to A. & M. Patel for \$3,310,000

10623 Glenview Avenue, Lehner Trust to H. & X. Zhao for \$3,575,000

**21547 Rosario Avenue**, Koragappa-Somashekar Trust to Y. & M. Yue for \$3,600,000

10142 North Portal Avenue, E. Bogle-Rohwer to Shah Family Trust for \$3,700,000

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#### **Los Altos**

Total sales: 13 Lowest sale: \$1,845,000 Highest sale: \$12,000,000 Average sale: \$5,071,600

**Los Altos Hills** 

Total sales: 3

Lowest sale: \$7,600,000 Highest sale: \$8,683,000 Average sale: \$8,127,700

#### **Mountain View**

Total sales: 13 Lowest sale: \$899,000 Highest sale: \$3,800,000 Average sale: \$2,086,600

#### **Cupertino**

Total sales: 7

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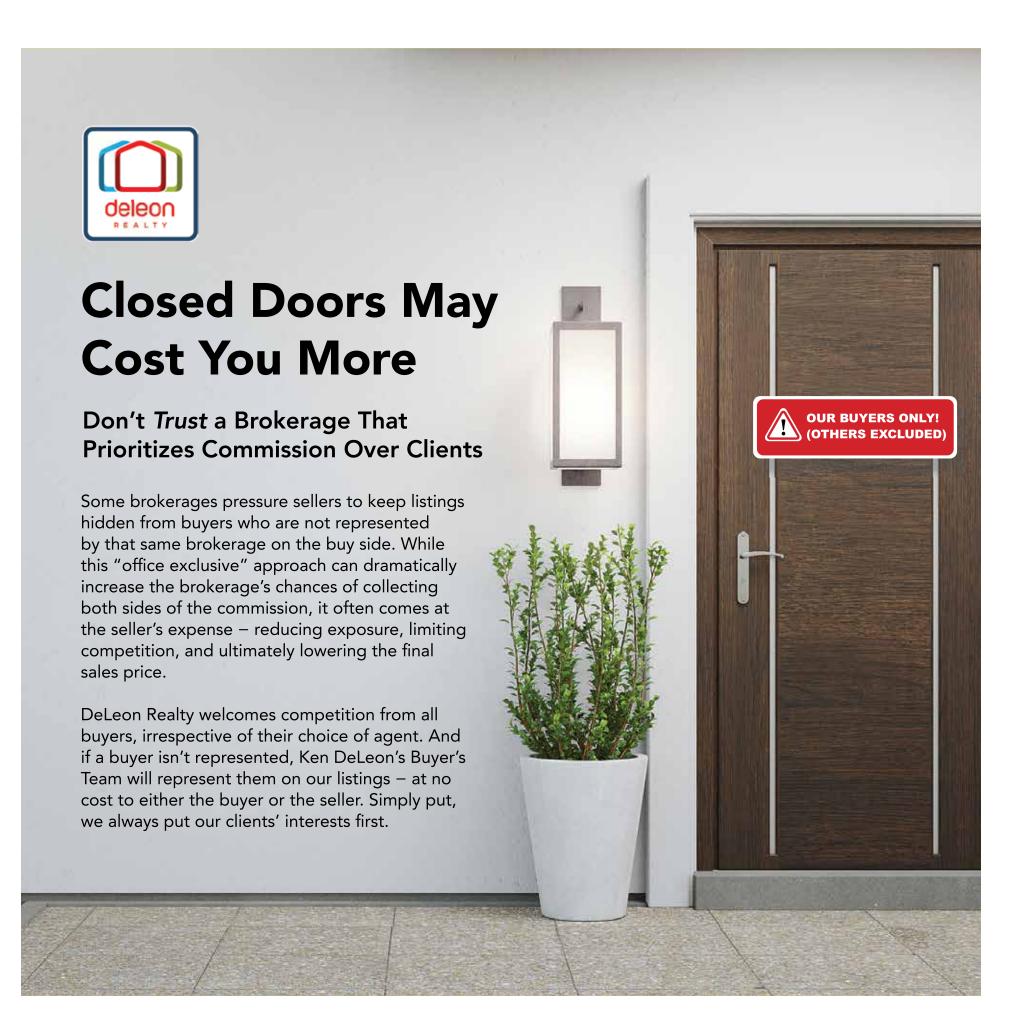
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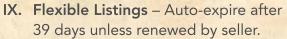


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#### COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF PETER FORD WATSON ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

25CV470477

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Peter Ford Watson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows Present Name:

a. Peter Ford Watson

Proposed Name: a. Clover Ford Watson

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause. if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 10/14/2025 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 07/14/2025

/s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (07-23,30-25,08-06,13-25)

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee Sale No. 24-00376-2FNT Loan No: Zappettini Portfolio APN 153-14-004, 153-14-005, 153-14-006 153-14-009 153-14-010 153-14-011, 153-14-012, 153-14-013, 153-14-014 and 153-14-031 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT LINDER A DEED OF TRUST AND SECURITY AGREE-MENT DATED MAY 31, 2019. UN-LESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PRO-TECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CON-TACT A LAWYER. On August 13. 2025, at 10:00 AM, at the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113, FIDELI-TY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, as the duly appointed Trustee (the 'Trustee"), under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain DEED OF TRUST AND SE-CURITY AGREEMENT recorded on May 31, 2019, as Instrument No. 24193082 of official records in the office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, CA, executed by: ZIC 1212 Terra Bella LLC, ZIC 1215 Terra Bella LLC, ZIC 1245 Terra Bella LLC, ZIC 1255 Terra Bella LLC ZIC 1305

THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HERE-OF (THE "LAND"). EXHIBIT "A" THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MOLINTAIN VIEW COLINTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFOR-NIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOL-LOWS: 850-900 NORTH SHORE-LINE: PARCELS 1, 2 AND 3, AS SHOWN UPON THAT CERTAIN RE-CORD OF SURVEY RECORDED OC-TOBER 16, 1961 IN BOOK 139, PAGE 11 OF MAPS, RECORDS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIFOR-NIA. EXCEPTING THEREFROM, ALL THAT PORTION DESCRIBED IN THE GRANT DEED IN FAVOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, RE-CORDED AUGUST 7, 2019, DOCU-MENT NO., 24248870, OFFICIAL RECORDS. APN: 153-14-031 1277 TERRA RELLA AVENUE: PARCEL 1 AS SHOWN ON LOT LINE ADJUST-MENT NO. 367-15-LLA, AS EVI-DENCED BY DOCUMENT RECORD-ED DECEMBER 07, 201 5 AS IN-STRUMENT NO. 231 64860 OF OF-FICIAL RECORDS BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOTS 13 AND 14 AS SHOWN ON THE MAP FILED FOR RECORD JULY 20, 1961 IN BOOK 135 OF MAPS AT PAGE 32, RE-CORDS OF SAID COUNTY BEGIN-NING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH-ERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF TERRA BELLA AVENUE AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 13: THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, SOUTH 58°27'05" EAST, 200.00 FEET TO THE NORTH-EASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 14. THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE AND ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT14SOUTH 31°32'55" WEST, 299.93 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNEROF SAID LOT: THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH-ERLY LINE OF SAID LOTS 13 AND 14, NORTH 58°27'05" WEST, 200.00 FFFT TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 13: THENCE NORTH 31°32'55" EAST, 299.93 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 13 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. APN: 153-14-010 1350 W MIDDLEFIELD ROAD: PARCEL A OF PARCEL MAP FILED OCTOBER 9. 1973 IN BOOK 331 OF MAPS AT PAGE 14 SANTA CLARA COUNTY RECORDS. APN: 153-14-006 1340 W MIDDLEFILED ROAD: PARCEL B AS SHOWN UPON THE PARCEL MAP FILED IN SAID RECORDER'S OFFICE ON OCTOBER 9, 1973 IN BOOK 331 OF MAPS AT PAGE 14. APN: 153-14-005 1330 W MIDDLE-FILED ROAD: PARCEL C OF PAR-CEL MAP FILED OCTOBER 9, 1973 IN BOOK 331 OF MAPS AT PAGE 14 SANTA CLARA COLINTY RE-CORDS. APN: 153-14-004 1305 TERRA BELLA AVENUE: PARCEL 1, AS SHOWN ON PARCEL MAP FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA STATE OF CALL FORNIA ON FEBRUARY 24, 1977 IN BOOK 389 OF MAPS PAGES 39.

BELLA AVENUE: PARCEL ONE: ALL OF LOTS 15 AND 16, AS SHOWN UPON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTI-TLED "TRACT NO 2736 MOUNTAIN VIEW INDUSTRIAL PARK, UNIT NO. ", WHICH MAP WAS FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OFTHE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFOR-NIA. ON JULY 20, 1961 IN BOOK 135 OF MAPS AT PAGES 32 AND 33. PARCEL TWO: A NON-EXCLU-SIVE FASEMENT FOR PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR INGRESS AND EGRESS AS GRANTED IN THAT CERTAIN RECIPROCAL DRIVEWAY EASEMENT RECORDED FEBRUARY 20, 1997 AS INSTRUMENT NO 1361 6761, OFFICIAL RECORDS APN: 153-14-011 1 245 TERRA BELLA AVENUE: PARCEL ONE: ALL OF LOT 17. AS SHOWN UPON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "TRACT NO 2736 MOUNTAIN VIEW INDUS-TRIAL PARK, UNIT NO. 1", WHICH MAP WAS FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OFTHE RECORDER OFTHE COUNTYOF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON JULY 20 1961 IN BOOK 135 OF MAPS AT PAGES 32 AND 33. PARCEL TWO: A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASE-MENT FOR PEDESTRIAN AND VE-HICULAR INGRESS AND EGRESS AS GRANTED IN THAT CERTAIN RE-CIPROCAL DRIVEWAY EASEMENT RECORDED FEBRUARY 20, 1997 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 13616761. OFFICIAL RECORDS. APN: 153-14-012 1215 TERRA BELLA AVENUE PARCEL ONE: LOTS 18, 19 AND 20 AS SHOWN UPON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "TRACT NO. 2736 MOUNTAIN VIEW INDUSTRIAL PARK, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA STATE OF CALIFORNIA. ON JULY 20, 1961 IN BOOK 135 OF MAPS AT PAGES 32 AND 33 ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL NO. 1 OF PAR-CEL MAP RECORDED DECEMBER 8 1972 IN BOOK 313 PAGE 32 OF MAPS. APN: 153-14-013 121 2 TERRA BELLA AVENUE: PARCEL ONE: BEGINNING ATTHEMOST-WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 3 IN THE NORTHERLY LINE OF TERRA BELLA AVENUE. AS SAID LOT AND AVENUE ARE SHOWN UPON THE MAP OF TRACT NO. 2736 MOUN-TAIN VIEW INDUSTRIAL PARK. WHICH MAP WAS FILED FOR RE-CORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RE-CORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFOR-NIA, ON JULY 20, 1961 IN BOOK 135 OF MAPS, AT PAGES 32 AND 33; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING SOUTH 58° 38' 10" EAST ALONG SAID LINE OF TERRA BELLA AVENUE, 12.13 FEET TO THE REGINNING OF A CURVE THEREIN: THENCE SOUTHEASTER-LY ALONG A TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT. WITH A RADIUS OF 350.00 FEET THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 35° 44' 05", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 218 29 FFFT TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVATURE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 280.00 FEET, THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 67° 05' 55", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 327.91 FEET: THENCE EAST-ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE 53.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTHERLY LINE ALONG A TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT, WITH A RADIUS OF 20 00 FFFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 90° 00'. AN ARC DISTANCE OF 31.42 FEET TO A POINT IN A LINE DRAWN PAR-ALLEL WITH AND 67.00 FEET WEST, MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES FROM THE CENTER! INF OF STIER-

LIN ROAD: THENCE NORTH ALONG

SAID PARALLEL LINE, 348.69 FEET

TO THE INTERSECTION THEREOF WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF PARCEL "C", AS SAID PARCEL IS SHOWN UPON THE MAP OF RE-CORD OF SURVEY FILED IN SAID RECORDER'S OFFICE ON NOVEM-BER 2 1962 IN BOOK 154 OF MAPS. AT PAGE 18: THENCE SOUTH 86° 35' 30" WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE 482 38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGIN-NING, AND BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 AS SHOWN UPON THE MAP OF TRACT NO. 2736 ABOVE REFERRED TO. PARCEL TWO: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF STIERLIN ROAD, 90.00 FEET WIDE, AT THE INTERSECTION THEREOF WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF PARCEL "C", AS SAID PARCEL IS SHOWN ON MAP OF RECORD OF SURVEY FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OF-FICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON NOVEMBER 2, 1962 IN BOOK 154 OF MAPS, AT PAGE 18: THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID LINE OF STIERLIN ROAD, 350.00 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT. WITH A RADIUS OF 20.00 FEET. THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 90° 00", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 31 42 FEFT TO A POINT IN THE NORTHERLY LINE OF TERRA BELLA AVENUE, 70.00 FEET WIDE: THENCE WEST. ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE, 22.00 FEET; THENCE NORTHEAST-FRLY ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT FROM A TANGENT BEARING EAST, WITH A RADIUS OF 20.00 FFFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 90° 00', AN ARC DISTANCE OF 31.42 FEET TO A POINT IN THE LINE DRAWN PARALLEL WITH AND 67.00 FEET WEST, MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES. FROM THE CENTERLINE OF SAID STIFRLIN BOAD: THENCE NORTH, ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE, 348.69 FEET TO THE INTER-SECTION THEREOF WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C"; THENCE NORTH 86° 35' 30" EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE 22.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. AND BEING A POR-TION OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, AS SAID LOTS ARE SHOWN UPON THE MAP OF TRACT NO. 2736 MOUNTAIN VIEW INDUSTRIAL PARK, WHICH MAP WAS FILED FOR RECORD IN SAID RECORDER'S OFFICE ON JULY 20, 1961 IN BOOK 135 OF MAPS, AT PAGES 32 AND 33. APN 153-14-014 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the Property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the Property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the Property You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this Property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the Property NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed

one or more times by the mortgagee beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this Property, you may call 1.866.684.2727 or visit this Internet Website www.servicelinkasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-00376-2FNT. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone infor mation or on the Internet Website The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Beneficiary has elected and hereby elects to conduct a unified foreclosure sale pursuant to the provisions of California Commercial Code Section 9604(a)(1)(B) and to include in the nonjudicial foreclosure of the estate described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale all of the personal property and fixtures described in the Deed of Trust and in any other instruments in favor of Beneficiary, which property is more particularly described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof. EX-HIBIT "B" The following property, rights, interests and estates now owned, or hereafter acquired by Trustor (collectively, the "Property"): (a) Land. The real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof (collectively, the "Land"); (b) Additional Land. All additional lands, estates and development rights hereafter acquired by Trustor for use in connection with the Land and the development of the Land and all additional lands and estates therein which may, from time to time, by supplemental mortgage or otherwise be expressly made subject to the lien of the Deed of Trust; (c) Improvements. The buildings, fixtures, additions, enlargements, extensions, modifications, repairs, replacements and improvements now or hereafter erected or located on the Land (collectively, the "Improvements"); (d) Easements and Other Rights. All easements, rights-of-way or use, rights, strips and gores of land, streets, ways, alleys, passages, sewer rights, water, water courses, water rights and pow ers, air rights and development rights, excess or unused zoning floor area development rights, abatements, zoning floor area bonuses. zoning incentives or awards, and all estates, rights, titles, interests, privileges, liberties, servitudes, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances of any nature whatsoever, in any way now or hereafter belonging. appurtenant to, relating or pertaining to the Land and the Improvements and/or otherwise owned by or available to Trustor, and the reversions and remainders, and all land lying in the bed of any street, road or avenue, opened or proposed, in front of or adjoining the Land, to the center line thereof and all the estates. rights, titles, interests, rights of dower, rights of curtesy, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, both at law and in equity, of Trustor of in and to the Land and the Improvements, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurte nances thereto: (e) Fixtures and Personal Property, All machinery, equipment, fixtures (including, but not limited to, all heating, air conditioning, plumbing, lighting, communications

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ware used in or to operate any of the foregoing and other property of every kind and nature whatsoever owned by Trustor, or in which Trustor has or shall have an interest (to the extent of such interest), now or hereafter located upon the Land and the Improvements, or appurtenant thereto, and usable in connection with the present or future operation and occupancy of the Land and the Improvements and all building equipment, materials and supplies of any nature whatsoever owned by Trustor or in which Trustor has or shall have an interest (to the extent of such in terest), now or hereafter located upon the Land and the Improvements, or appurtenant thereto, or usable in connection with the present or future operation and occupancy of the Land and the Improvements (collectively, the "Personal Property"), and the right, title and interest of Trustor in and to any of the Personal Property which may be subject to any security interests, as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted and enacted by the state or states where any of the Property is located (the "Uniform Commercial Code"), and all proceeds and products of the above: (f) Leases and Rents. All leases, subleases, subsub leases, lettings, licenses, concessions or other agreements (whether written or oral) pursuant to which any Person is granted a possessory interest in, or right to use or occupy all or any portion of the Land and the Improvements and every modification, amendment or other agreement relating to such leases, sub leases subsubleases or other agreements entered into in connection with such leases, subleases, subsubleases, or other agreements and every guarantee of the performance and observance of the covenants, conditions and agreements to be performed and observed by the other party thereto, heretofore or hereafter entered into, whether before or after the filing by or against Trustor of any petition for relief under any Creditors Rights Laws (collectively, the "Leases") and all right, title and interest of Trustor, its successors and assigns therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, cash or securities deposited thereunder to secure the performance by the lessees of their obliga tions thereunder and all rents, additional rents, rent equivalents, moneys payable as damages or in lieu of rent or rent equivalents, royalties (including, without limitation, all oil and gas or other mineral royalties and bonuses), income, receivables, receipts, revenues, deposits (including, without limitation, security, utility and other deposits), accounts, cash, issues, profits, charges for services rendered, and other consideration of whatever form or nature received by or paid to or for the account of or benefit of Trustor or its agents or employees from any and all sources arising from or attributable to the Property, including, all receivables, customer obligations, installment payment obligations and other obligations now existing or hereafter arising or created out of the sale. lease, sublease, license, concession or other grant of the right of the use and occupancy of property or rendering of services by Trustor or Manager and proceeds, if any, from business interruption or other loss of income insurance whether paid or accruing before or after the filing by or against Trustor of any petition for relief under any Creditors Rights Laws (collectively, the "Rents") and all proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the Leases and the right to receive and apply the Rents to the

payment of the Debt; (g) Insurance Proceeds. All insurance proceeds in respect of the Property under any insurance policies covering the Property, including, without limitation, the right to receive and apply the proceeds of any insurance, judgments, for damage to the Property (collectively, the "Insurance Proceeds"); (h) Condemnation Awards, All cond nation awards, including interest thereon, which may heretofore and hereafter be made with respect to the Property by reason of any taking or condemnation, whether from the exercise of the right of eminent domain (including, but not limited to. any transfer made in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of the right), or for a change of grade, or for any other injury to or decrease in the value of the Property (collectivelv. the "Awards"): (i) Tax Certiorari. All refunds, rebates or credits in connection with reduction in real estate taxes and assessments charged against the Property as a result of tax certiorari or any applications or proceedings for reduction; (j) Rights. The right, in the name and on behalf of Trustor, to appear in and defend any action or proceeding brought with respect to the Property and to commence any action or proceeding to protect the interest of Beneficiary in the Property; (k) Agreements. All agreements, contracts, certificates. instruments, franchises, permits, licenses, plans, specifications and other documents, now or hereafter entered into, and all rights therein and thereto, respecting or pertaining to the use occupation construction management or operation of the Land and any part thereof and any Improvements or any business or activity conducted on the Land and any part thereof and all right, title and interest of Trustor therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, the right, upon the happening of any default hereunder, to receive and collect any sums payable to Trustor thereunder; (I) Intangibles. All tradenames, trademarks, servicemarks, logos, copyrights, goodwill, books and records and all other general intangibles relating to or used in connection with the operation of the Property; (m) Accounts. All reserves, escrows and deposit accounts maintained by Trustor with respect to the Property, including without limitation, the Accounts and all cash, checks, drafts, certificates, securities, investment property, financial assets, instruments and other property held therein from time to time and all proceeds, products, distributions or dividends or substitutions thereon and thereof (collectively, the "Accounts");(n) Proceeds. All proceeds of any of the foregoing items set forth in subsections (a) through (m) including, without limitation, Insurance Proceeds and Awards, whether cash, liquidation claims (or other claims) or otherwise: and (o) Other Rights. Any and all other rights of Trustor in and to the items set forth in subsections (a) through (n) above. CAPITALIZED TERMS NOT DEFINED HEREIN SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS THOSE IN THE NOTE, SECURED OBLIGATIONS, THE DEED OF TRUST AND ANY/OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS. Beneficiary reserves the right to revoke its election as to some or all of said personal property and/or fixtures, or to add additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, at Beneficiary's sole election, from time to time and at any

Notice of Trustee's Sale. No warranty is made that any or all of the person al property still exists or is available for the successful bidder and no warranty is made as to the condition of any of the personal property. which shall be sold "as is", "where is". The real Property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real Property described above is purported to be: 1212, 1215, 1245, 1255, 1305, 1277 Terra Bella Ave, 1330, 1340, 1350 W Middlefield, 850-900 N Shoreline, Mountain View, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto). The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the Property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$129,056,887.60 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment pre miums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The Property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the Property receiver, if applicable, DATE: July 14, 2025 FI-DELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, TRUSTEE 24-00376-2FNT 5170 Golden Foothill Parkway, Suite 130 El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 916-636-0114 Sara Berens, Authorized Signor SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.servicelinkasan com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 1.866.684.2727 A-4848002 07/23/2025, 07/30/2025, 0 8 / 0 6 / 2 0 2 5 (07-23,30-25,08-06-25) 182-T

#### KAPWA REALTY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717682

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KAPWA REALTY, 5989 Taormino Avenue, San Jose, CA, 95123, Santa Clara County. The business is owned an individual. bv: The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Lionel Mangapit Madamba, 5989 Taormino Avenue, San Jose, CA 95123 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A /S/ Lionel Mangapit Madamba / This statement was filed with the

County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/03/2025. (07-16,23,30-25,08-06-25)

181-T

#### LOPEZ AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717710

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LOPEZ AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE LLC, 1726 Smith Ave, San Jose, CA, 95112, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): LOPEZ AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE LLC, 1726 Smith Ave, San Jose, CA 95112 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/03/2025. /S/ Enrique Mario Lopez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/07/2025. (07-16,23,30-25,08-06-25)

> CAFFEINE BODEGA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717726

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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CAF-FFINE BODEGA 1484 Pollard Road, Ste 3107, Los Gatos, CA, 95032, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): THE KAIZEN GROUPE L.L.C., 1484 Pollard Road, Ste 3107, Los Gatos, CA 95032. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/04/2025. Matthew Clark / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/07/2025. (07-16,23,30-25,08-06-25)

179-T

Hope Counseling Center of Silicon Valley FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717546

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Hope Counseling Center of Silicon Valley, 1101 S. Winchester Blvd, #K236, San Jose, CA, 95128, Santa Clara County. The business owned by: copartners. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Diane Wood, 1101 S. Winchester Blvd, #K236, San Jose, CA 95128, Dr Ardel Payne, 1101 S. Winchester Blvd, #K236, San Jose, CA 95128. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/01/1999. /S/ Diane Wood This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/30/2025. (07-16,23,30-25,08-06-25)

178-1

SMCO CONSTRUCTION LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717672

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: SMCO CONSTRUCTION LLC, 8831 Morey Way, Gilroy, CA 95020. Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): SMCO CONSTRUCTION LLC 8831 Morey Way, Gilroy, CA 95020. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/30/2025. /S/ Omar Mendoza Maldoi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/03/2025.

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#### AF WOOD PRESERVING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717360

(07-16,23,30-25,08-06-25)

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: AF WOOD PRESERVING, 1056 Lynn Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Santa Clara County. The business is owned an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Arsenio Ferreira, 1906 Plymouth St. Mountain View. CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/12/2000. /S/ Arsenio Ferreira / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/24/2025. (07-16,23,30-25,08-06-25)

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#### MOSAIC MUSIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717621

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: MOSAIC MUSIC, 692 Borregas Ave, Sunnyvale, CA, 94085, Santa Clara County. The business is owned an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Stephen Mckee, 692 Borregas Ave. Sunnyvale. CA 94085. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/06/2017. /S/ Stephen Mckee / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/02/2025. (07-16,23,30-25,08-06-25)

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#### CYSTEMATIC SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717575

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CYSTEM-ATIC SOLUTIONS, 309 Laurelwood Road Suite 17, Santa Clara, CA, 95054, Santa Clara County. The business is owned an individual The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Asghar Laique, 309 Laurelwood Rd. Suite 17. Santa Clara, CA 95054. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/30/2025. /S/ Asghar Laique This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/30/2025. (07-09,16,23,30-25)

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#### ARTWORK BY TERESA H KO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN716853

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ART-WORK BY TERESA H KO, 26480 Anacana Drive Los Altos Hills CA, 94022, Santa Clara County The business is owned an individual. hv. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Teresa H Ko. 26480 Anacapa Drive, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 12/31/2024. /S/ Teresa H Ko / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/03/2025. (07-09,16,23,30-25)

172-T

# COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF ALEXANDRA CYRIA EATON STANFILL ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 25CV468245

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Alexandra Cyria Eaton Stanfill filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name:

a. Alexandra Cyria Eaton Stanfill

a. Alexandra Cyria Eaton Strange

Proposed Name:

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING 09/16/2025 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 06/18/2025

/s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (07-09,16,23,30-25)

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# FIT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717480

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: FIT, 600 Fremont Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by:

a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): IMPACT FITNESS, LLC, 600 Fremont Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/04/2000. /s/ Tracey Downing / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/26/2025. (07-09,16,23,30-25)

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#### PRONTO LED DISPLAYS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN717402

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PRONTO LED DISPLAYS, 727 Lakefair Dr, Sunnyvale, CA, 94089. Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): PRONTO ELECTRONIC DISPLAYS LLC. 548 Market St. #703770. San Francisco, CA 94104. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Michael H Hawkins / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 06/24/2025. (07-09,16,23,30-25)

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Business Name in the Los Altos

Town Crier

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# Datebook

Datebook items are run on a space-available basis for entertainment, events, classes and groups run by nonprofits in our circulation area (primarily Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View). The deadline is noon Tuesday for the next week's paper. Submit notices via email to bruceb@latc.com and include a contact name, phone number and fee to participate (if applicable).

#### **EVENTS**

Los Altos Main Library. All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. Monday Meditation & Mindfulness, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. Poetry Community Hour Open Mic, 7 p.m., first Monday of every month; Bay Area Games Day, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., third Saturday of every month. Other events: All About Bees. 6-7:30 p.m. Aug. 14. Longtime beekeeper, Enrico Reineri, will share all he knows about bees, bee products, keeping a hive and more. Open Space Odyssey, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 19. A Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District representative will explore the history, flora and fauna and the ongoing preservation of the local region's open spaces. Programs are free and open to the public. Information: (650) 948-7683, sccld.org.

#### **CLUBS/GROUPS**

Friendship Force of the San Francisco Bay Area: Let's Eat Out. 11:30 a.m. Aug. 13. Attendees buy lunch at Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., in Mountain View. Discuss promoting peace and friendship by hosting travelers or being hosted in a home for one week. Information: Dee Gustavson, (650) 961-3539.

American Association of University Women - Silicon Valley Branch. Open to women (and men) with a college degree who are interested in equity for women and girls. Information: (650) 464-2830, siliconvalley-ca.aauw.net

Los Altos Hills Club. Historic social club promoting friendship and social contacts among women with a Los Altos Hills mailing address. Activities include luncheons, social events, book groups, bridge and card games. Information: (650) 948-5382, jensensylvia@hotmail.com.

Peninsula Harmony Chorus. A cappella chorus centered in Los Altos. Performs "doo-wop" music from the 1950s and 1960s. Rehearsals Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at Los Altos Lutheran Church. Information: peninsulaharmony.org.

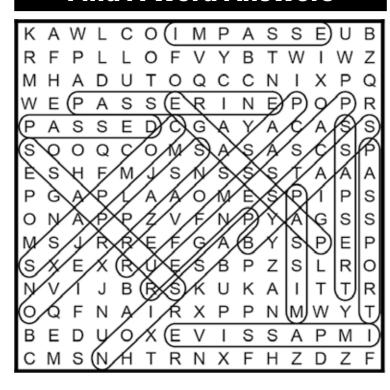
#### **Crossword Answers**



### **Sudoku Answers**

5	1	2	4	9	7	3	8	6
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### **Find A Word Answers**



# **OBITUARY NOTICE**

# JOSE DOLORES LIBERATO SANCHEZ



March 12, 1932 - July 7, 2025

Jose Dolores Liberato Sanchez passed away peacefully on July 7, 2025 in Tracy, California. Jose was born in Belen, New Mexico, and moved with his family to Mountain View, California, during early childhood. He made Mountain View his lifelong home, residing there for over 80 years.

A proud graduate of Mountain View High School in 1951, Jose was an avid sportsman who excelled in football, basketball, and track. He went on to serve his country in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Lewis in Washington, where he worked as a Field Communications Crewman and served as a General's driver.

Jose pursued higher education with dedication, earning a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Santa Clara University in 1974, followed by a Master's degree in Political Science from San Jose State University in 1976.

His professional career spanned more than five decades with the United States Postal Service, serving communities in Mountain View, Los Altos, and San Francisco. He also shared his passion for politics and education by teaching Political Science at Foothill Community College in Los

Altos Hills. Deeply engaged in civic life, Jose campaigned for numerous local candidates and initiatives.

Jose embraced life with enthusiasm, finding joy in many pursuits. He thrived on staying active and was deeply committed to coaching youth basketball and supporting his children's endeavors. His love for dancing and sharp sense of style reflected his spirited personality. A devoted follower of politics, he also cheered passionately for the San Francisco 49ers and NCAA basketball. Jose enjoyed reading, exploring different cuisines and watching classic films. He was also a member of the Palo Alto Elks Lodge for more than 30

He is lovingly remembered by his daughter Paula Sanchez (Michael) of Tracy, California, his sons Adam Sanchez and Christopher Sanchez of San Francisco, and a large extended family of cousins, nieces, and nephews. A private family interment will take place at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos, California. A Celebration of Life is planned for early August. For details, please contact paula.sanchez25@yahoo.com







LIVE MUSIC
August 7: 6pm-8pm
925 BAND

COMMUNITY SOCIAL
August 9: 4pm-6pm
FOAM & FUN

Gather at The Village at San Antonio Center for outdoor fun.

Join us in the park every month for Live Music on First Thursdays and Community Socials on Second Saturdays.



